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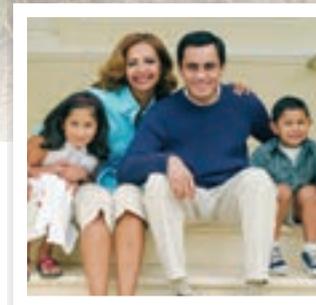
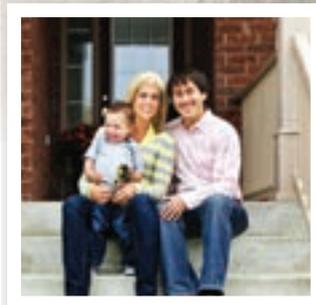
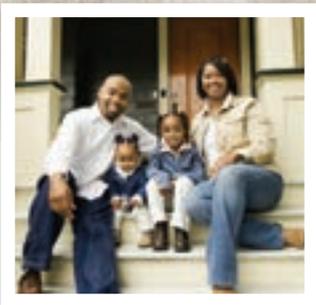
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From a strong business climate to natural resources that compete with anywhere else in the country, Northeast Florida is one of the best places in the nation to live, work and play.

The region is home to Fortune 500 companies, innovative health care, a strong small business foundation and a burgeoning entrepreneurial culture. Jacksonville has the western-most port on the Eastern Seaboard and is positioned near two major interstates and a robust rail system, allowing companies to reach more than 60 million people in eight hours.

The region is home to Naval Air Station Jacksonville and Naval Air Station Mayport, and the community support of the military is one reason so many veterans choose to come back here to live following their service.

We have a strong educational base, including excellent colleges and universities committed to providing residents with learning opportunities and businesses with a skilled, trained workforce. Our neighborhoods have unique character—from historic Riverside and Avondale to our tight-knit Beaches communities—the variety of areas to live has something for everyone.

The region has plenty to do on the water, from the beautiful beaches and the St. Johns River running through downtown, to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Timucuan Preserve. Northeast Florida is also home to some of the nation's best golf courses, and has options at all price points for players of all skill levels. The National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars call the city home, as do the Jacksonville Suns, the Double-A affiliate of the Florida Marlins, the Arena Football League's Jacksonville Sharks, and the Jacksonville Armada, a new franchise that begins playing in the North American Soccer League this year.

We hope you find this guide useful as you get settled in your new home. Again, welcome.

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Welcome to the First Coast. In your hands is the eleventh edition of the *First Coast Relocation Guide*™, a comprehensive guide to help you settle into your new home. This guide includes information to help you have a successful move to the area as well as ideas for what to do once you have settled.

Here are just a few reasons why the First Coast is a great place to live:

- Year-round enjoyable weather
- Deep historical roots
- Large urban park systems throughout the region
- Cutting edge, regional health care facilities ranked among the best in the Southeast and in the U.S.
- Outstanding primary and secondary schools
- Professional and semi-professional sports teams, plus major college football games including the TaxSlayer Bowl
- A vibrant cultural arts community with Broadway shows, festivals, museums, special events, attractions and more
- Nearly 100 miles of beautiful coastline, including the Atlantic seaboard, the St. Johns River, and the Intracoastal Waterway, in addition to associated preserved wetlands and marshes

The 2016 edition of the *First Coast Relocation Guide* has information to aid you in all aspects of your move including where to obtain your driver's license, whom to contact for utility services, what options are available in hospitals and surgery centers, and even what you can expect in terms of weather.

The extensive Neighborhoods section, with a new, updated map, will help you find the home of your dreams. And, when it's time to enroll your children in area schools, the Education section will serve as a valuable resource with registration information, alternative schooling options and frequently used phone numbers, all listed by county.

To give you a taste of all the First Coast has to offer, the guide includes sections on sports, resorts, historical sites and museums, attractions, shopping, dining and nightlife.

Discover why Northeast Florida is an economically sound region, with all the tools in place to grow your business, and why the region is one of the fastest growing in the U.S. Learn about the various transportation services around the First Coast, including nautical, aeronautical and rail, which make Northeast Florida a major logistics center as well as a convenient location for individuals who need to get from point A to point B.

We hope the *First Coast Relocation Guide* helps you connect with all that's happening in Northeast Florida. But, above all, we hope the information contained in this guide makes your move to Florida's First Coast a smooth and pleasant experience.

Cordially,



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Dear Friends:

Welcome to Florida's First Coast, home to great weather, pristine beaches, rich cultural experiences, recreation and sports, diverse natural resources, and coastal charm. Each year, thousands of people relocate to the Jacksonville metro area. This relocation guide offers an overview of what makes Florida's First Coast a great place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

As the largest city in the continental United States in terms of square miles, Jacksonville abounds with miles of Atlantic beach, more than 70 golf courses, approximately 111 acres of parks, hundreds of shopping and dining venues, and the St. Johns River flowing right through the heart of downtown. Great vacations are only a short drive away, with Amelia Island just off the coast of Jacksonville, and historic St. Augustine, which was founded in 1565, located south of Jacksonville.

With so much to offer, as well as a cost of living below the national average, it is no wonder Northeast Florida's population is growing twice as fast as the rest of the nation. Jacksonville also ranks among the top 20 "Best Cities for Relocating Families." The region offers some of the most affordable housing prices in the state and more than 380 schools.

Florida's First Coast is a great place to work. Three Fortune 500 company headquarters and more than 80 other corporate, regional, and division headquarters are located in Jacksonville. The city also houses two of the Navy's major installations, Naval Station Mayport and Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Some of the top industries in this area include aviation and aerospace, manufacturing, information technology, life sciences, and finance and insurance.

I am focused on three goals for our state: make Florida the No. 1 place for businesses to succeed, keep the cost of living low for families and businesses, and make sure our schools prepare students for the career or college of their dreams. I encourage you to use this publication as a guide for discovering the unique treasures Northeast Florida has to offer.

Welcome to Florida's First Coast!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor



Friendship Fountain, photo courtesy of the Jax Chamber

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LENNY CURRY
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January 2016



Dear Friends:

Welcome to Florida's First Coast! On behalf of the beautiful city of Jacksonville, I want to thank you for putting down roots in our corner of Northeast Florida.

As the gateway to Florida, we are a business-minded city where enterprising people work hard every day to ensure a brighter future for their children and grandchildren. Top-notch recreation, sports and entertainment venues, arts and cultural activities—all make Jacksonville a favorite vacation spot and an even greater place to live and work. Home to the largest urban park system in the nation, the greater Jacksonville area also features such natural treasures as the majestic St. Johns River and miles of pristine beaches.

We are fast becoming a destination city, and are home to THE PLAYERS Championship at Sawgrass, the Jacksonville Jaguars, several Fortune 500 companies and more than 80,000 entrepreneurs throughout our metropolitan area, many of whom own small businesses that create a vibrant and unique local economy. As a port city, Jacksonville houses many thriving industries, including international trade, health care, technology and more than 35 million square feet of retail space. In addition, you will find that our city prides itself on being one of the most military-friendly cities in the nation, with multiple military installations and thousands of veterans and active duty personnel who call the First Coast home.

Jacksonville is open for business and remains a city of opportunity for all. Again, welcome and thank you for choosing our fair city. From my family to yours, we invite you to join us in making your new home one city, one Jacksonville!

Sincerely,

Lenny Curry
Mayor



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LIFE ON THE FIRST COAST

The region has more than 90 miles of beaches along the Atlantic coast and the St. Johns River, and more than 131 square miles of city, state and national parks for residents to explore.

Quaint neighborhoods, beautiful beaches, urban amenities and outdoor adventures blend to make the First Coast a Southern gem. Newcomers will find a mixture of rural simplicity and vibrant metropolitan flair. From a thriving workforce to an array of entertainment venues, Northeast Florida has it all—an eclectic combination of rich history and progressive vision, Florida's First Coast is the perfect place to live, work and play.

In this guide, you will find all of the information divided into three sections: Live, Work and Play. In Live, there is information to help you get settled into the area, Florida tax information, typical First Coast weather, and education for children and adults can be found. Work combines the Top 50 Employers in the area with information about our local military and transportation for all of your commuting needs. The Play section includes all of the fun opportunities First Coasters have, such as information on the beaches, sports teams, art museums, dining and nightlife.

BACK IN THE DAY ...

Long before Spanish Conquistador Juan Ponce de León became the first European explorer to arrive on the mainland in 1513, indigenous tribes lived in settlements near the region's numerous waterways. Archeologists have excavated some of the oldest pottery in the U.S., dating back to 2500 B.C., in what is known today as Atlantic Beach, leading some scholars to believe the first year-round indigenous settlements in North America were located on the First Coast.



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Although the French Huguenots established a colony at Fort Caroline (near the mouth of the St. Johns River) in 1564, they were soon ousted by the Spanish, who controlled the region for more than 100 years thereafter.

Over time, the First Coast became marred in conflict, caught between the struggling forces of European powers, a developing U.S. and indigenous tribes who desperately tried to hold onto their land.

Eventually, the Spanish ceded control of Florida to the U.S. government with the signing of the Adams-On's Treaty in 1819. In the treaty, Florida was sold to the U.S. for \$5 million in exchange for firmly established Western boundaries, which left Texas and other territories west of the Rocky Mountains to the Spanish.

American settlement along the First Coast expanded rapidly after the treaty was signed. In the early 1800s, townships sprang up in Baker, Clay and Duval counties.

During reconstruction, following the Civil War, Jacksonville and nearby St. Augustine drew tourists from the North. Capitalizing on its pristine beaches and warm weather, Northeast Florida became a popular winter resort area for the rich and famous, bringing the Gilded Age to the region—a time of rapid population and economic growth in the U.S.

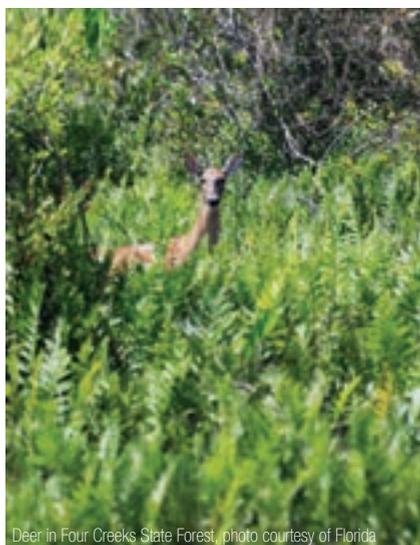
The early 20th century ushered in the boardwalk era at the area's beaches. Local merchants built dance pavilions, restaurants and other attractions to entertain visitors and residents. During this time, New York-based filmmakers moved their winter operations south. Producers were drawn to Northeast Florida by its warm climate, exotic locations, excellent rail system and cheap labor. More than 30 silent films were made here, before conservative politics forced filmmakers to move their operations to California.



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Downtown Jacksonville Skyline, photo courtesy of the Jax Chamber



Deer in Four Creeks State Forest, photo courtesy of Florida

After WWII, the U.S. Navy became a primary employer and economic force in the region. A new age of economic growth came along with the increased military presence. Since the late 19th century, harbor improvements have made the First Coast a major military and civilian deep-water port, which has become the third largest in Florida. Today, Northeast Florida is one of the fastest growing regions in the U.S. The area's solid economic base is fueled by a large military presence, tourism and significant employers in the service industries including banking, insurance and health care.

HERE AND NOW ...

The regional nickname, First Coast, was conceived by the William Cook Agency in 1982. Conceptually, the name has a double meaning, referring to the first European settlement (St. Augustine), as well as the area being the "first coast" travelers along the Atlantic seaboard encounter upon entering the state of Florida.

Counties on the First Coast include Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns. The major cities are Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville, Orange Park and St. Augustine. The area map has Duval County split into four sections: Beaches, North Duval, South Duval and West Duval. While locals have different terms for the areas of town, this map will make it easier for you when trying to locate places for your new adventure.

Sections of unspoiled natural landscape are peppered throughout the First Coast. The region has more than 90 miles of beaches along the Atlantic coast and the St. Johns River, and more than 131 square miles of city, state and national parks for residents to explore. Warm temperatures year-round make the First Coast ideal for outdoor fun. For a comprehensive list, check out the Parks and Preserves section on page 145.

Residents also have the chance to enjoy the numerous sports teams that call Northeast Florida home. Attend a Jaguars' game or spend one of the most exciting weekends of the year at the Florida-Georgia Tailgate to prepare for the rivalry of the century. For those of you who enjoy participating in athletic events, the annual Gate River Run is the largest 15K in the U.S. The area also hosts a number of runs throughout the year. Take a look at all of the teams and annual events on page 149.

More than 1.4 million people call Northeast Florida home. The region has a culturally diverse labor force of 750,000 with a median age of 37. An ethnically diverse group, the population on the First Coast is 77 percent white, 13 percent black, 5 percent Hispanic and 2 percent Asian. The additional 3 percent is split between American Indians and residents of multiple races.

We have more than 30 medical facilities, including Mayo Clinic, one of four major campuses in the U.S. Our facilities rank as some of the highest in the state. For a list of all of the hospitals in Northeast Florida, flip to page 108.

There are 18 incorporated cities within the five counties—the largest of which is Jacksonville. The city of Jacksonville is the 12th most populous city in the U.S. and is the largest city by land area in the continental U.S. Median household income is \$50,785, which is higher than the national average.

Twenty-four percent of the workforce, ages 25 and older, have a bachelor's degree or higher, and nearly 20 percent of households earn more than \$100,000 annually. Northeast Florida is a major logistics center, with access to two interstate highways, four major rail lines, two deep-water ports and four marine terminals. Two major Southeast transportation outlets intersect in Jacksonville—Interstate 10 and Interstate 95.

The First Coast has much to offer for residents looking to kick back and relax. As the youngest city in Florida, we know how to have a good time. There are eight breweries for craft brew lovers to explore and a plethora of local bars. To see all the First Coast's nightlife has to offer, turn to page 189. In recent years, food trucks have dominated the dining scene, serving up gourmet food on four wheels. A comprehensive list of food trucks can be found in the Dining section on page 182.

The First Coast has fostered many great musicians and is considered the birthplace of Southern Rock. The Allman Brothers Band and Lynyrd Skynyrd were formed in Jacksonville. There are 24 annual music festivals in the area, including Welcome to Rockville and Springing the Blues. For more information on entertainment and annual events, turn to page 170 and 192.

Art lovers have the chance to enjoy museums, art walks and performances along the coast. Walk through time at the Cummer Museum & Gardens or spend the first weekend of every month at the Jacksonville Art Walk in the downtown area. Venues and events can be found in the Art Museums and Events section on page 166.

The future has never been brighter for the First Coast. With a cost of living below the national average and three Fortune 500 companies, Northeast Florida is attracting a young, dynamic workforce. The regional population is expected to increase to 1.49 million by 2018. In anticipation of continued growth, local government leaders are committed to making Northeast Florida a place where business can thrive while, at the same time, preserving the area's natural resources and high quality of life.



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We enjoy a beautiful climate, nearby beaches and an abundance of outdoor activities. When others visit Jacksonville, they are struck by the remarkable beauty of our waterfront downtown. Our diverse neighborhoods are full of character. How many cities can offer the opportunity to live in an urban neighborhood, a suburban environment, at the beach or in the country, all within a reasonable commute to downtown?





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NEIGHBORHOODS

From high-rise condominiums on the Southbank to Victorian-era house-lined streets, the diversity of First Coast neighborhoods delights newcomers. No matter your preference, you are sure to find the perfect place to hang your hat. If you are looking to live in a bustling city, near a relaxing beach, in quaint suburbs or even in a historically enriched neighborhood—the First Coast offers all that and more. The following is an overview of the area's better-known residential areas, including descriptions of neighborhoods in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.



Photo courtesy of Rivers Edge, Glen St. Mary

BAKER COUNTY

GLEN ST. MARY

A small, rural town located in Baker County, Glen St. Mary has a population of approximately 400 within the town's limits, with additional residents living in the surrounding areas. Glen St. Mary's small-town atmosphere attracts residents who want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city, but be able to easily commute to Jacksonville. Glen St. Mary offers single-family homes, large properties and gated communities.

MACCLENNY

The county seat of Baker County, Macclenny has a population of around 6,400. Located 35 miles west of Jacksonville, Macclenny is known for its small-town charm and family traditions. Housing options include a number of subdivisions that offer single-family homes and several apartment complexes. Residents enjoy visiting Heritage Park Village, where Florida's oldest wood frame/log building, the Burnsed Blockhouse, is located.



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EAGLE LANDING AT OAKLEAF PLANTATION

Eagle Landing is a resort-style community with an 18-hole championship golf course, shopping, A-rated schools and St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County. There are plenty of friendly neighborhoods offering a variety of homes. A full-time staff organizes activities for all ages such as dive-in movies, summer camps, golf clinics and tennis leagues at the award-winning amenity complex. There is a full-size gymnasium with fitness center, Swim Park, golf clubhouse with pro shop, eight lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, Kid's Club and a Village store with café, candy store and more. Bordering the 24,000-acre Jennings State Forest where you can bike, hike and explore, Eagle Landing also allows golf cart access everywhere within the community.

CLAY COUNTY

FLEMING ISLAND

Located in the eastern part of Clay County, Fleming Island is a community bordered by the St. Johns River, Doctors Lake and Black Creek. This thriving residential and commercial area has unique, planned neighborhoods that provide an abundance of centrally located amenities, some even within walking distance. Residents benefit from the multitude of retail stores and restaurants, as well as financial and business institutions in the community, eliminating the need to travel to nearby Orange Park. Additionally, Fleming Island is bursting with wildlife that can be accessed from the many trails, paths and boat ramps located throughout the area.

GREEN COVE SPRINGS

With its quaint, small-town appeal, Green Cove Springs is an ideal place to live in Clay County. A number of older homes line the St. Johns River, and the city has seen the emergence of new housing developments within recent years. Green Cove Springs is the county seat and is widely known for its sulfur spring located in Spring Park, which is one of only about a dozen in Florida.

KEYSTONE HEIGHTS

This small city is located in the southwest corner of Clay County, with a section of the city lying partially in Bradford County. Keystone Heights contains numerous parks and sand bottom lakes, providing a picturesque landscape. The city has seen constant growth over the past decade due to its rustic appeal. Many residents of Keystone Heights commute to work in Gainesville, Jacksonville or other surrounding cities. The city is also home to many retirees. Local housing consists of single-family homes, lakeside homes and retirement communities.



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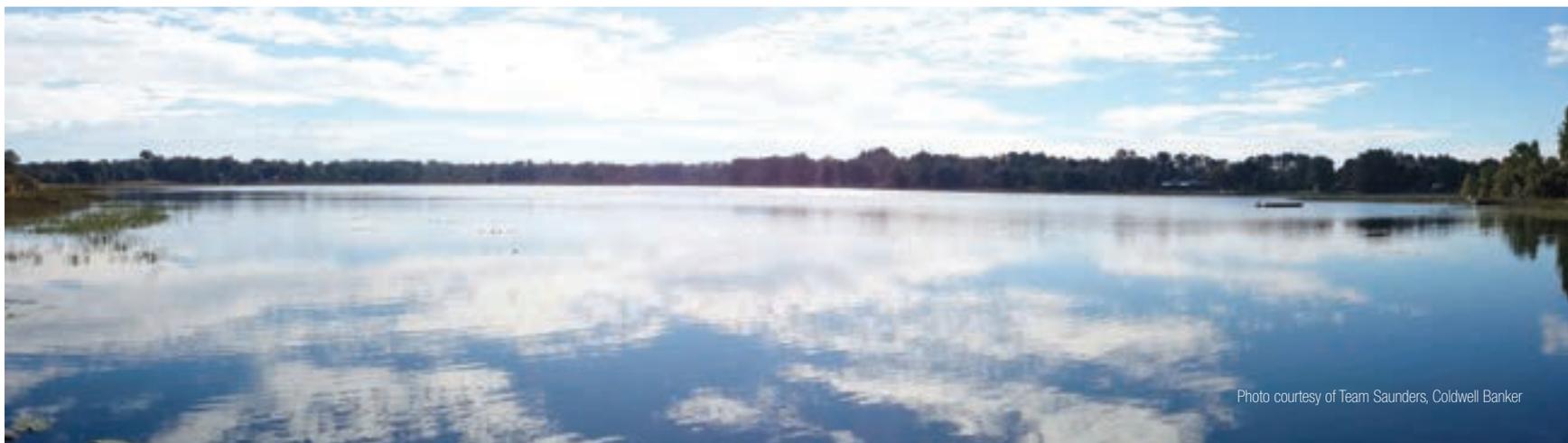


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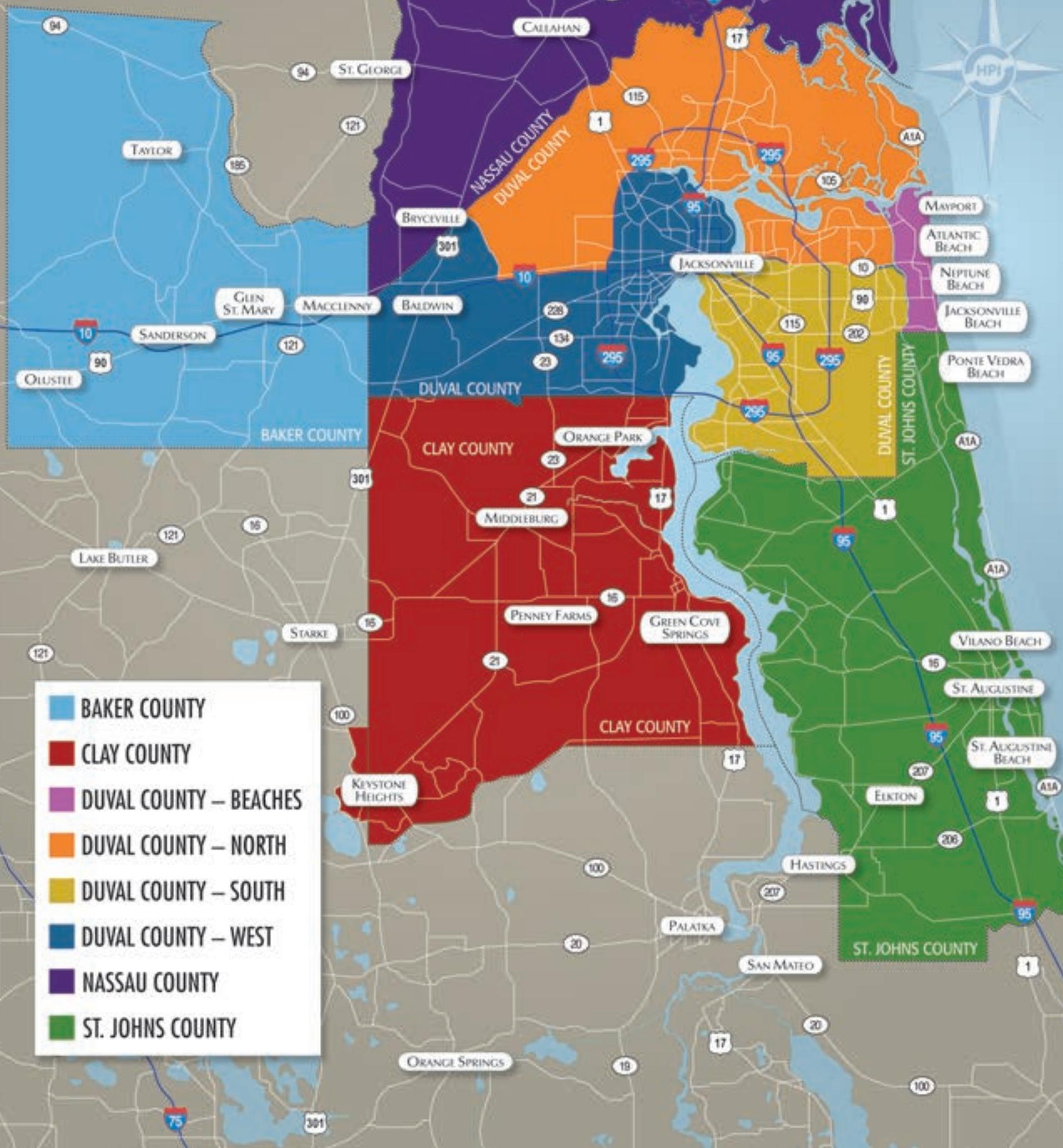
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As president of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, I would like to welcome you to the First Coast—an area that not only offers an outstanding quality of life for residents, but one that also provides exciting new opportunities for business.

The First Coast is a relocation destination for several reasons. Our climate is sunny and mild year-round. We have miles of beautiful beaches, the largest urban park system in the U.S., premier golf courses, a generous diversity of arts and cultural events and an abundance of recreational opportunities. The area offers excellent schools, health care and affordable housing.

The Northeast Florida business community has many positive economic indicators on the horizon. Several banking institutions have headquarters and offices in Jacksonville, making it a powerful financial center. The Jacksonville Port Authority is expanding, drawing many international shipping companies to do business here. The transportation and distribution, manufacturing, health care and insurance industries are also growing.

We are poised to welcome new businesses to Northeast Florida and provide a quality of life matched by no other. We'll also roll out the "red carpet" for the military men and women who are assigned to serve at one of our three major regional military bases. We thank our service members for their sacrifices and desire to serve, and look forward to placing them in high quality housing.

As a new resident of Northeast Florida, your search for a home will be welcomed with diverse options. There is a tremendous variety of new home communities located throughout the eight-county area. There are family-oriented communities with indoor and outdoor amenities, luxury waterfront homes, maintenance-free condos and townhomes, golf course homes and even communities designed for horse lovers. Whether you are looking for a starter home or a luxury retirement home, First Coast builders have thousands of floor plans in every price range.

With a low cost of living and high quality of life, the First Coast has a lot to offer newcomers. The *First Coast Relocation Guide*[™] can help you search for the perfect community to live in and help you find your new home.

Welcome Home!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Blanchard". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Daniel Blanchard
President, Northeast Florida Builders Association

"Housing Makes a Difference"

MIDDLEBURG

Once considered a rural area, Middleburg has rapidly grown into a suburban community south of Orange Park. This unincorporated area is located in central Clay County near Black Creek, a tributary of the St. Johns River. Middleburg residents enjoy a rural setting and are close to Jennings State Forest, which offers visitors the chance to hike, bike, swim and observe the area's natural scenery. Middleburg's housing options include historic properties, condominiums, townhomes and single-family homes on spacious lots.

"OakLeaf Plantation prides itself on being a place where you can live, work and play without leaving the community."



OakLeaf Plantation, photo courtesy of Cherish Live Dream Photography

OAKLEAF PLANTATION

Situated in Clay County, with a small area lying in Duval County, OakLeaf Plantation is a planned community with multiple village-style subdivisions, each with its own park. OakLeaf Plantation prides itself on being a place where you can live, work and play without leaving the community. This family-oriented community provides more than 50 acres of recreation at its two athletic centers, which include baseball and soccer fields, tennis and basketball courts, and a water park. Also within OakLeaf Plantation is the OakLeaf Town Center, which contains various retailers and restaurants. Potential residents can choose from single-family homes, multi-family homes and luxury apartments.

ORANGE PARK

Orange Park lies in the northeastern section of Clay County, south of Jacksonville's Westside community. As the county's largest municipality, Orange Park offers potential residents a vast selection of housing options, as well as convenient access to I-295 and NAS Jacksonville. Homes vary from waterfront estates along the St. Johns River and Doctors Lake to new housing developments inland and rural homes further to the west. Additionally, a number of established neighborhoods feature homes built in the 1970s and 1980s.



Club Continental & River Suites, photo courtesy of Cherish Live Dream Photography



Photo courtesy of Penney Retirement Community

PENNEY FARMS

A small town south of Middleburg, Penney Farms is home to the Penney Retirement Community, founded in 1926 by businessman James Cash (J.C.) Penney. Penney Retirement Community is a 192-acre retirement and independent-care community created for retired ministers in honor of Penney's minister father. Today, the community is home to 29 different denominations of retired ministers, pastors, church workers and missionaries. More than 500 people reside in the community and partake in a variety of activities, amenities, clubs and volunteer opportunities. Those residing outside the retirement community live in single-family homes.



Jacksonville Beach Biking, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman

DUVAL – BEACHES

BEACHES

The Beaches area is comprised of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Mayport. These seaside municipalities offer an assortment of residential areas with a laid-back atmosphere. Jacksonville Beach has numerous clubs, bars and restaurants offering some of the best nightlife and entertainment in the area. Neptune Beach, the youngest and smallest of the beach communities, encompasses 2.5 square miles between Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach. Through strict growth management benchmarks, Neptune Beach maintains a tranquil standard of living for its residents. The heart of Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach is the Beaches Town Center, which offers residents of both cities a variety of shopping and dining options. Atlantic Beach is mostly residential, with the majority of the developed areas being single-family homes. For non-coastline residents, there are 14 different access points along Atlantic Beach's two miles of oceanfront.

INTRACOASTAL

Although the area is relatively small, the Intracoastal community has seen an increase in residential and commercial development over the past few years. Bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway on the east and Hodges Boulevard on the west, the Intracoastal area features a multitude of apartments, condominiums, retirement communities and subdivisions. Residents enjoy accessibility to the beaches and Southside areas as well as major roadways, such as John Turner Butler Boulevard (JTB), Beach Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard.

MAYPORT

One of the nation's oldest fishing villages, Mayport is located just north of Atlantic Beach. Residents of this coastal village have access to freshly caught seafood (especially Mayport shrimp—a culinary staple on the First Coast), boat ramps and the St. Johns River Ferry. Since 1948, residents and visitors alike have used the ferry to commute between Mayport and Fort George Island. Mayport offers affordable housing and apartments, which is convenient for military personnel and civilians who work at nearby Naval Station Mayport.

DUVAL – NORTH

ARLINGTON/FORT CAROLINE

This thriving residential and commercial area of Jacksonville is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west and north, the Intracoastal Waterway to the east and Atlantic Boulevard to the south. Residential options include single- and multi-family developments, condominiums, townhomes, waterfront properties and golf communities. The community is home to the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve and the Fort Caroline National Memorial, as well as Jones College and Jacksonville University.

NORTHSIDE/OCEANWAY

The Northside of Jacksonville consists of neighborhoods north of the downtown area and a large portion of undeveloped land above the St. Johns River. Residents of the Northside enjoy living in close proximity of the Jacksonville International Airport, the city's Amtrak station, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, and River City Marketplace. The community of Oceanway covers the northern section of Duval County, stretching from U.S. 1 to the Atlantic Ocean and from the Duval/Nassau county line to the St. Johns and Trout rivers. New housing developments and apartment complexes are increasingly emerging in Oceanway.

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SOUTHSIDE/BAYMEADOWS

The large region south of Arlington, north of St. Johns County, east of U.S. 1 and west of the Intracoastal community is commonly referred to as Southside. Not only does the Southside offer the largest grouping of apartment communities in Jacksonville, it also offers a variety of residential options such as single-family homes and gated communities. Recreation, entertainment and shopping are all easily accessible to Southside residents. Florida Coastal School of Law, the University of North Florida and two campuses of Florida State College at Jacksonville are all located here. An ever-expanding neighborhood of Southside is Baymeadows. This neighborhood consists of the area that surrounds Baymeadows Road. It is home to several corporate office parks, retail centers and residential communities.

DUVAL - SOUTH

MANDARIN

This southernmost neighborhood of Jacksonville is enriched with nature and history. Mandarin is bordered by the St. Johns River to the west, Philips Highway to the east, Julington Creek to the south and Beauclerc/San Jose to the north. Officially named Mandarin in 1830 for the area's major crop—Mandarin oranges—the community became part of Jacksonville in 1968. Today, Mandarin is a convenient location that offers residents a selection of housing.

Beauclerc and San Jose are two older neighborhoods that lie between the San Marco-Miramar area and Mandarin. Most of the homes along Beauclerc Road are a mixture of architectural styles such as brick rambler homes and two-story contemporaries. San Jose is a prime residential area with the majority of homes built in the 1950s and 1960s, with the exception of some new developments of single-family homes and condominiums.

SAN MARCO/MIRAMAR

The San Marco-Miramar area is south of downtown Jacksonville's Southbank, west of Philips Highway and east of the St. Johns River. A diverse community, potential residents have an array of housing choices including small bungalows, riverfront mansions and brick apartment complexes. The San Marco Preservation Society ensures that the community's historic properties are restored to their original splendor. San Marco Square is the center of the neighborhood and offers shopping, dining and entertainment. San Marco is a very walkable neighborhood, allowing for a less car-dependent lifestyle.



San Marco Lions, photo courtesy of David

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DUVAL – WEST

DOWNTOWN/RIVERFRONT

Over the past few years, revitalization efforts in downtown Jacksonville have reinforced the area as an entertainment, business and cultural center. Downtown residents are within walking distance of restaurants, entertainment venues, nightclubs and bars. River taxis are available to transport residents and visitors back and forth between the Northbank and Southbank of the St. Johns River. A variety of residential options are available for those seeking an urban lifestyle including riverfront condominiums, lofts and townhomes. Many of the loft apartments are found in renovated buildings dating back to the early 1920s.

ORTEGA

Ortega lies just south of Riverside and north of Naval Air Station Jacksonville, between the St. Johns and Ortega rivers. Originally an island, the area became a peninsula after a land bridge was built on the island's southern end. One of the wealthiest neighborhoods in Jacksonville, the historic homes and riverfront mansions in Ortega are diverse in architectural style, but many reflect the Mediterranean and Tudor Revival styles. Old Ortega is east of Highway 17. A section of Old Ortega is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ortega Forest, a more recently developed area, is west of Highway 17.

RIVERSIDE/AVONDALE

The Riverside-Avondale neighborhood is located west of the St. Johns River, east of Highway 17, and south of Interstate 95. This neighborhood is one of the largest Historic Districts in the Southeast. Riverside-Avondale is a charming urban neighborhood that showcases oak tree-lined streets and several parks. The American Planning Association, a community development organization, has called this area Jacksonville's hidden gem with its two historic districts listed on the National Register of History Places and a designated City of Jacksonville Historic District. A number of homes have been restored to keep the diverse architecture and history alive. This community also features brick quadrplexes and duplexes, as well as other multi-unit buildings. Situated on the northern end of Riverside is The Brooklyn, an urban-chic community featuring stylish apartments, upscale shopping, restaurants and on-site fitness.



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SPRINGFIELD

Springfield was founded in 1869 as Jacksonville's first subdivision. The area is bordered to the west by Boulevard Street, to the east and north by railroad tracks and to the south by Hogan's Creek. It is a diverse transitional neighborhood still in the midst of revitalizing, but making great gains. Historic Springfield features many renovated prairie-style and Queen Anne homes, and the neighborhood's newer homes have the same popular, architectural-style features.

Make A Smart Move

Today's real estate market is making news more than ever before, so it's a smart move to separate the hype from the facts. The hype is that you can't buy a home without a big down payment or that now isn't a good time to buy. The facts are that there is still financing available for many people, interest rates are low and an ample supply of great homes are available. If you're thinking about buying a home, contact a Realtor to learn what you can do to make buying your home a smart move.



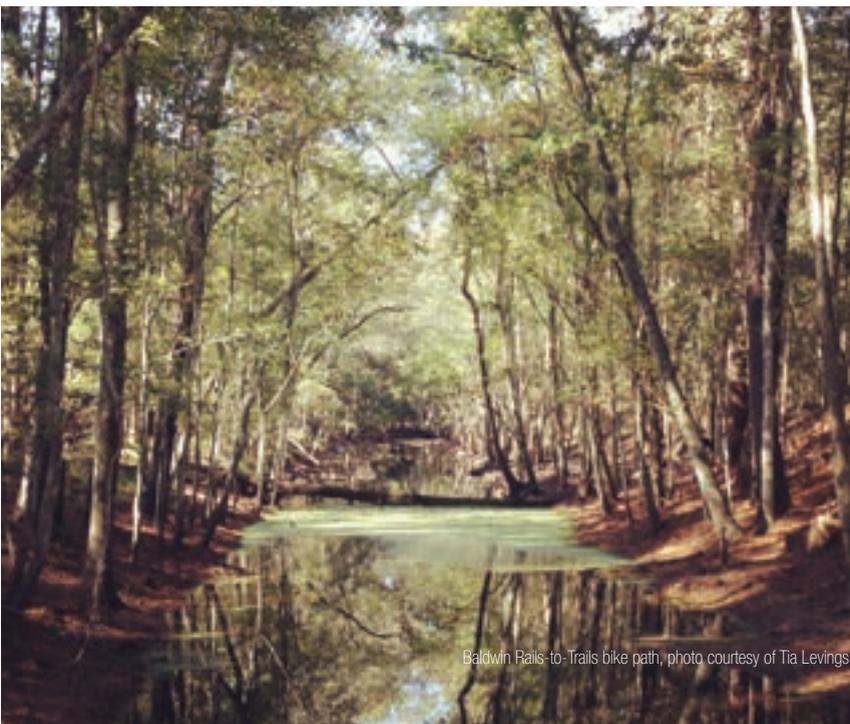
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WESTSIDE

This area refers to the western portion of Duval County. The Westside is a diverse area of smaller communities, which include the small, incorporated town of Baldwin; the semirural Marietta-Whitehouse area; and the neighborhoods of Normandy and Maxville. Many Westside residents are military personnel stationed at NAS Jacksonville, as well as employees at the expansive Cecil Commerce Center. Potential residents of the Westside will find affordable housing and inexpensive property, along with a slower-paced lifestyle. Residents can enjoy the Westside's heavily wooded areas, which allow for hunting and other outdoor activities.



Baldwin Rails-to-Trails bike path, photo courtesy of Tia Levings

NASSAU COUNTY

AMELIA ISLAND/FERNANDINA BEACH

Florida's northernmost barrier island, Amelia Island is located about 30 minutes north of downtown Jacksonville and just south of Cumberland Island, Georgia. This 13.5-mile island is filled with history and it is the only area in the U.S. to have been ruled under eight different flags. Amelia Island has an array of real estate options: Victorian-styled homes, oceanfront condominiums, estate properties, a resort community and traditional neighborhoods. The highlight of Amelia Island is the historic seaside village of Fernandina Beach, with a 50-block downtown area listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

BRYCEVILLE

A small community in the southwestern part of Nassau County, Bryceville lies at the intersection of U.S. Highway 301 and SR 200. This unincorporated area is ideal for those who want to indulge in the serenity of country living. Cary State Forest is the epicenter of Bryceville's recreation. One of the original Florida State Forests, this vast woodland provides visitors a variety of recreational activities including hiking, camping and horseback riding.

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CALLAHAN

Callahan is a rural town located in the southwestern section of Nassau County. Most residents are commuters that work in surrounding areas, such as Jacksonville. Potential residents will find single-family homes, large properties, duplexes and several subdivisions from which to choose. Many residents of Callahan spend their leisure time participating in various outdoor activities. For those who enjoy golfing, Deerfield Lakes Golf Club is a public, 18-hole course located within the town.

HILLIARD

Located in the northwestern section of Nassau County, Hilliard is a small town that has an active farming community. The area was introduced to farming in 1909 when North Florida Fruit and Truck Farms began selling farmland. Residential options include single-family homes and apartments. Hilliard residents are very involved in their community, taking part in many of the local events. The town has numerous parks and recreational sites and is also home to the Jacksonville Air Route Traffic Control Center, which coordinates most commercial and civilian air traffic in the southeastern region.

YULEE

The growing community of Yulee is west of Amelia Island and the Intracoastal Waterway. As the largest unincorporated area of Nassau County, Yulee consists primarily of residential communities. Housing options include waterfront properties, planned communities and apartments. Small business and service sectors are emerging throughout the area, with a major commercial presence along SR A1A. Residents enjoy hunting, fishing and golfing. Also located in Yulee is the conservation center, White Oak, which contains more than 7,400 acres of hardwood hammocks, pine forest and tidal wetlands.



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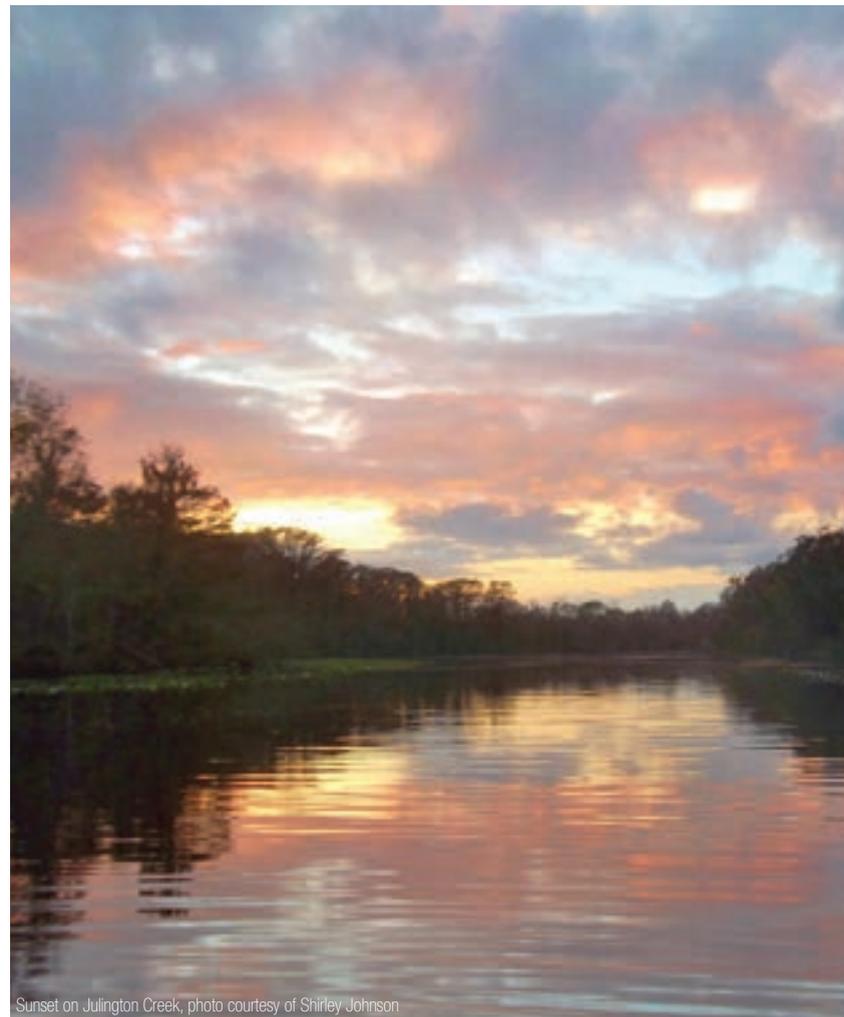
HASTINGS

Located southwest of St. Augustine, the town of Hastings is home to many commuters who work in St. Augustine, Jacksonville and Palatka. This rural community retains its rich agricultural history, including the title "Potato Capital of Florida." SR 207 is the main highway and connects Hastings with St. Augustine and Palatka. Since the expansion of State Road 207, the town has seen an emergence of new development. Hastings offers farmsteads, single-family homes and subdivisions.

JULINGTON CREEK

Julington Creek lies in the northwestern part of St. Johns County and has more than 1,200 acres of nature preserves. Julington Creek offers a variety of residential options including townhouses, single-family homes, condominiums and luxury estates. Residents enjoy an abundance of recreational amenities, including the Champions Club at Julington Creek, an 18-hole golf course that meanders through wooded areas and around neighborhoods.

The Switzerland and Fruit Cove communities are located east of the St. Johns River and south of Mandarin in northwest St. Johns County. Switzerland is just south of Fruit Cove along the eastern bank of the St. Johns River. These pastoral communities are great for those who wish to enjoy the benefits of a country setting while being near the urban amenities of Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Switzerland and Fruit Cove are predominately made up of single-family residences. Recreational activities are abundant in this area with multiple parks and the William Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway's (State Road 13) interconnected trail system.



Sunset on Julington Creek, photo courtesy of Shirley Johnson



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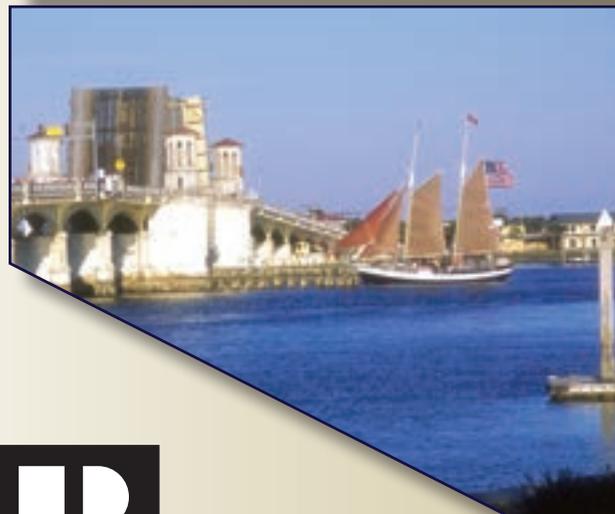
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Located in the northeast corner of St. Johns County, Ponte Vedra Beach lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. This seaside community offers a mix of housing such as resort living, oceanfront estates, exclusive neighborhoods, subdivisions and apartment complexes. Ponte Vedra Beach has a thriving commercial area with retail centers, upscale restaurants and office buildings. For the golf enthusiast, the community is home to some of the best golf courses around, including the famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course where THE PLAYERS Championship takes place. Ponte Vedra Beach is the headquarters of the PGA Tour, the Champions Tour and the Association of Tennis Professionals.

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As the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine offers a broad range of housing options—single-family homes, oceanfront estates and condominiums, renovated homes near the historic section and planned communities. Residents of St. Augustine are surrounded by history and nature. The historic downtown area is a popular tourist destination because of its Spanish Colonial architecture, 19th century mansions and grand hotels (which now house a museum and private college), the Castillo de San Marcos and a variety of attractions and entertainment. St. Augustine is home to numerous parks and several shopping options.



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ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH

Located on Anastasia Island, St. Augustine Beach offers residential communities and condominiums with scenic views of the Atlantic Ocean and Intracoastal Waterway. Residents enjoy the nearby St. Augustine Amphitheatre, which hosts a variety of concerts and events throughout the year. Also located near city limits is the legendary St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park. Recreational activities include fishing at the St. Johns County Ocean Pier and bird watching on the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail at Anastasia State Park, located just north of the city.

VILANO BEACH

Two miles northeast of St. Augustine is Vilano Beach, a pleasant seaside community that lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Tolomato River. Vilano Beach is primarily a residential community with a number of small businesses. The Vilano Beach Fishing Pier is great for those who love to fish, and Surfside Park provides beach access, picnic shelters, restrooms and outdoor showers—everything the family needs for a day of fun in the sun.



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Cypress Trails

Featuring large lots of land—nearly all of which will have lake or preserve views—Cypress Trails will appeal to future homeowners seeking a more suburban feel. The neighborhood's single-family homes by builders AV Homes, Lennar Homes and Mattamy Homes offer new houses starting in the low \$200s.

Cypress Trails at Nocatee is the perfect mix of beautiful and affordable. This neighborhood offers home buyers the Nocatee lifestyle and amenities along with homes on conservation home sites. Home builders are offering one- and two-story single-family homes ranging from approximately 1,750 to 3,384 square feet of living space.

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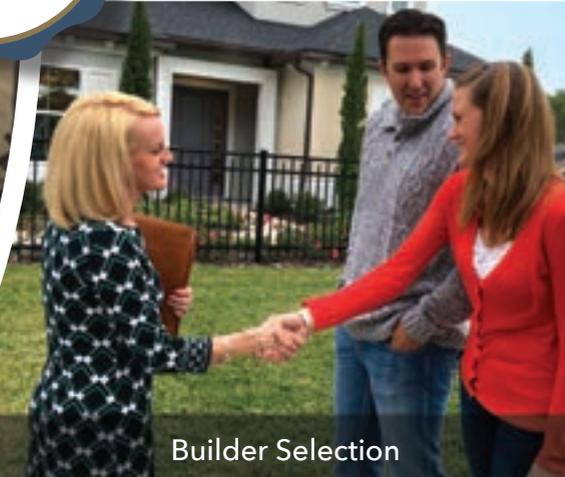
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Addison Park at Town Center

Addison Park at Town Center is Nocatee's newest Town Center neighborhood, located just a short walk from the community's shops, restaurants and popular Splash Water Park. Priced from the mid \$200s, Addison Park at Town Center features two- to five-bedroom single-family homes by David Weekley and Providence Homes ranging from 1,468 to 2,956 square feet.

Greenleaf Lakes

Greenleaf Lakes is the third and final neighborhood in Nocatee's Greenleaf community of homes. Greenleaf Lakes joins Greenleaf Village and the gated community of Greenleaf Preserve in the western part of Nocatee.

Within Greenleaf Lakes you'll live in an environment that brings neighbors together to create a true community. Greenleaf Lakes is the perfect neighborhood addition to the active lifestyle that Nocatee offers. Next door to Greenleaf Lakes is Greenleaf Park, a 10-acre natural setting with ball fields, picnic areas and its very own dog park, Happy Tails. Greenleaf is also the site of the new St. Johns County K-8 School, Valley Ridge Academy.

Twenty Mile Village

Twenty Mile Village is a new addition to Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes. Twenty Mile Village is designed around Twenty Mile Park, which boasts a swimming pool, Waggin' Tails Dog Park, nature trails and more. The homes in Twenty Mile Village feature a variety of new floor plans from some of Northeast Florida's finest builders. Home sites range from small to large, with options to build in the center of the activity or nestled in the private collections throughout the community. The sprawling oak canopy entrance to the neighborhood and the rich history of the area adds to the natural preservation of the trees and landscape.

Located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, Twenty Mile is one of Nocatee's most distinctive communities, with large oak trees, split-rail fencing and a rustic, old-Florida style.

Siena at Town Center

Siena at Town Center features single-family homes with a Mediterranean flair and tile roofs by ICI Homes. Joining Enclave, Addison Park and Lakeside in Nocatee's Town Center, Siena is adding even more excitement and variety to these centrally located Town Center neighborhoods.

All homes have Mediterranean or Tuscan-style elevations, and start in the mid \$200s. There is a variety of new home designs that range from 1,600 to 3,000 square feet with unique features, like rear alley entry garages. Residents are just a short walk from Town Center retailers and all of Nocatee's many recreational amenities.

INDUSTRY ACCOLADES

While nothing is as important as providing residents with the ideal lifestyle, it's also nice to be recognized within the industry. In addition to being ranked the nation's third top-selling master-planned community by real estate advisory firm RCLCO for the second year in a row, Nocatee was also named "Master-Planned Community of the Year" by the Southeast Building Conference, and took home two Laurel Awards for "Developer of the Year" and "Marketing Director of the Year."



The Crossing at Twenty Mile

The Crossing at Twenty Mile is another new addition to Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes. Located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, Twenty Mile will be one of Nocatee's most distinctive communities, with large oak trees, split-rail fencing and a rustic, old-Florida style. All builders are currently taking VIP Interest Requests.

About the Builders:

David Weekley Homes and Providence Homes will be offering a wide variety of floor plan and home size options, with homes ranging from 1,300 to 3,200 square feet.

Dostie Homes, a new Nocatee builder, will offer traditional old-Florida themed home styles, with homes ranging from 1,900 to 2,750 square feet.

Standard Pacific Homes will offer larger homes ranging from 2,450 to 3,200 square feet.

Lakeside at Town Center

Lakeside at Nocatee Town Center offers more than just a home—it's a home inside the heart of Nocatee. Nocatee residents enjoy amenities

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Nocatee is now home to over 4,200 families—from growing families and young professionals to empty-nesters and retirees. It is a coastal community of neighborhoods with varied home styles and something for every walk of life.

Current residents have a long list of reasons why they love Nocatee, including lesser-known resident perks and benefits only imaginable in a master-planned community.

Health: *The New York Times* recently found St. Johns County to be the healthiest county in the state of Florida. The Quality of Life Study (June 2014) looked at various quality of life indicators. Miles of Greenway Trails, an Intracoastal kayak and paddle sports launch, the Nocatee Swim Club and more, all make it easy for Nocatee residents to maintain a vibrant, healthy lifestyle. In March 2015, the University of Wisconsin and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ranked St. Johns County as the healthiest county in Florida, for the fourth consecutive year.

Amenities: Nocatee is home to a variety of world-class amenities. The highly photographed Splash Water Park is a resident-exclusive amenity that features its own tiki bar, outdoor dining, lazy river, ample deck space, the tallest slide tower in Northeast Florida and much more.

Alongside Nocatee's impressive aquatic features, families enjoy several dog parks, acres of nature trails, electric vehicle pathways (Nocatee was the region's first planned community to be electric vehicle approved), neighborhood parks, fitness club, the Nocatee Preserve and many other outdoor pursuits.

With amenities like these, residents never want to go out of town.

Home Value: The Nocatee community is located within one of the wealthiest ZIP codes on the First Coast. This not only speaks for the quality of life, but the value of homes and real estate within and surrounding the flourishing community.

Location: Nocatee's location cannot be beat. Families living in Nocatee's Town Center neighborhoods are only 10 minutes from the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach and miles of scenic coastline. Nocatee families also enjoy being less than 25 minutes from the nation's oldest city, St. Augustine. Nocatee's charming and historic neighbor is a favorite day-trip destination for many residents. Downtown Jacksonville is also a quick drive, as well as Jacksonville Beach. No matter where you are headed, Nocatee is centrally located to the very best that the First Coast has to offer.

Social Calendar: Nocatee is full of wonderful events and activities. Large farmers markets, cooking classes, food truck nights and drive-in movies are just a sampling of resident favorites. Along with family-friendly events, there are also those designed specifically for kids, teens, ladies, adults and singles. Additionally, Nocatee has resident-led clubs and interest groups. Surf Club, Cycling Club and the Boating & Fishing Club are just a few of the groups that encourage camaraderie among neighbors.

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The Villas themselves are truly unique to Nocatee with five single-story, low-maintenance homes to choose from, ranging from 2,000 to 3,400 square feet. For those looking for even more room, an optional second floor can be added to any home design to allow for a bonus room or additional bedroom and bath. With prices from the low \$300s, these villa homes appeal to a wide range of buyers.

Greenleaf Village

Greenleaf Village is a secluded community on the western side of Nocatee, making for an easy commute to Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Homes in Greenleaf Village are offered by David Weekley Homes, Providence Homes and Standard Pacific Homes with prices starting in the low \$400s.

Within Greenleaf Village at Nocatee is an environment that brings neighbors together to build a sense of true community. Greenleaf Village is the perfect neighborhood addition to the active lifestyle that Nocatee nurtures with bike paths and walkways. Additionally, at the front door of Greenleaf Village is Greenleaf Park, a 10-acre natural setting with ball fields, picnic areas and its very own dog park.

The Pointe at Twenty Mile

The Pointe at Twenty Mile is among the first of Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile community of homes. Located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, Twenty Mile is one of Nocatee's most distinctive communities, with large oak trees, split-rail fencing and a rustic, old-Florida style.

The Pointe at Twenty Mile features upscale homes built by David Weekley Homes, Standard Pacific Homes and ICI Homes. Homes start in the mid \$500s and are situated on estate-sized lots, all boasting beautiful preserve views.

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such as the Nocatee Community Park with ball fields, a dog park, Splash Water Park, the Greenway Trails and the Nocatee Preserve. With all of these amenities within walking distance, Lakeside is the perfect place to call home. Priced from the high \$200s, Lakeside at Town Center features homes from David Weekley Homes and Mattamy Homes and range from 1,791 to 3,163 square feet.

The Villas

The Villas at Nocatee, with homes by Standard Pacific Homes, has brought something exciting, fresh and innovative to Nocatee.

The Villas at Nocatee is a gated community with its very own pool and amenities. A creative site plan allows all of its 90 homes to back up to either water or trees ensuring no back-to-back homes.

The Island at Twenty Mile

The Island at Twenty Mile is yet another community of homes situated in Nocatee's historic Twenty Mile neighborhood. Nestled in the northwest corner of the Nocatee community, the Island at Twenty Mile features exclusive gated access and lots that back up to either preserve or water. This private community of 45 home sites is surrounded by nature and rich in history, making it a perfect location for those looking for their dream home.

Located in St. Johns County just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, the builders in Twenty Mile are showcasing the largest homes in Nocatee to date. David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes and Standard Pacific Homes are building estate-sized homes in this highly anticipated neighborhood.

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Twenty Mile Park is a new amenity center open to all Nocatee residents. It includes a shallow-entry family swimming pool with lap lanes, Waggin’ Tails Dog Park, playground, athletic fields, open-air pavilion and an event lawn. Carved out of the natural environment, the oak-canopied park remains home to native flora and fauna. The location of the park is nestled near the front of the Twenty Mile neighborhoods with accents complementing the community’s old-Florida feel. Twenty Mile Park was constructed and funded by The PARC Group—Nocatee’s Master Developer, and donated to the Tolomato Community Development District for the use of all Nocatee residents.

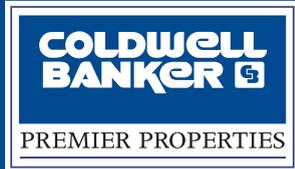
Nocatee Community Park is the epicenter of neighborly fun. In true Nocatee style, this 75-acre eco-friendly park celebrates the joys of Florida living. It includes picturesque lakes, foliage, nature trails and jogging paths. Nature and jogging trails wind through lush greenery and past picturesque lakes. Soccer fields and tennis courts encourage friendly competition. There’s even a dog park for our four-legged friends. Right next door, you’ll find the Nocatee Splash Water Park—with water slides, a lazy river and sparkling swimming pools for kids of all ages. Whether it’s a soccer game or a picnic near the lake with family and friends, Nocatee Community Park is central to everything fun.

One of the most exciting amenity expansions of the year was the **Greenway Trails** expansion announcement. This included two major paths allowing direct access to the Town Center and surrounding amenities to the following communities: Del Webb Ponte Vedra, Coastal Oaks, Cypress Trails, Brookwood, Kelly Pointe, The Palms, Twenty Mile and The Villas. The project will be complete in summer 2016. Nocatee’s extensive trail network gives residents access to the best of North Florida’s natural landscape, as well as the added convenience of taking a golf cart to the grocery store.

Nocatee kicked off this past summer by opening **Cypress Park**, a resident amenity center with various aquatic and park features, including a shallow-entry family pool, sports field, dog park, clubhouse, playground, event lawn and surrounding trails.

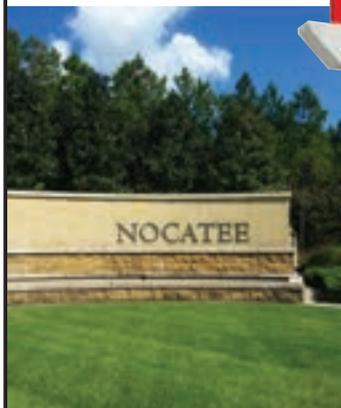
The **Town Center** has breakfast, lunch, dinner and post-dinner drinks covered with the many recent additions. In 2015, Nocatee residents welcomed Dunkin’ Donuts, M Shack, The Loop, Pieology Pizzeria and Coastal Wine Market.

After two years of planning and building, Nocatee’s **Fire Station 18** opened in May. Equipped with an ambulance, the station’s placement inside the community lowers residents’ home-insurance rates.



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Coastal Oaks

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With a beautiful clubhouse and recreation complex at its heart, adults and children alike will find Coastal Oaks by Toll Brothers to be the kind of family neighborhood they've always dreamed of. The clubhouse and recreation facilities include a fully equipped fitness center, meeting room, soccer field, softball field, tennis courts, basketball court, two outdoor pools and a children's splash pool. At Coastal Oaks, busy families will find plenty of opportunities for together time and socializing with friends and neighbors.

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This serene yet cozy community neighbors the unrivaled Nocatee Water Park and Town Center, while it is peacefully surrounded by the Nocatee Greenway. Willowcove is yet another exciting Nocatee community that offers the very best in coastal living.





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The Palms

In The Palms at Nocatee you can enjoy the sounds of nature in a quiet, serene setting while living close to the amenities that Nocatee has to offer; including two community parks, dog parks, the Splash Water Park, The Fitness Club and more.

The Palms at Nocatee is the perfect neighborhood addition to the active lifestyles that Nocatee nurtures with parks and walkways found within a tranquil setting. The Palms at Nocatee is convenient to Nocatee Town Center; making it ideal to unwind in a peaceful setting at home or take a stroll in the Town Center to dine with friends.

With homes starting in the mid \$200s, and townhomes starting in the high \$100s, The Palms townhomes appeal to a wide range of homeowners. Dream Finders Homes prides itself on their superior quality, unique home designs and strong focus on customer satisfaction and attention.

Artisan Lakes

This 55 and better low-maintenance community is gated with its own private amenities which include: clubhouse, fitness center, demonstration kitchen, zero entry pool with infinity edge, two pickleball courts, two bocce ball courts, event lawn, putting green, swing arbor and pocket parks throughout.

Artisan Lakes is a picturesque community made up of 196 home sites with a majority backing up to preserve, water or parks.

Homeowners may select from 10 new single-story plans that were designed exclusively for Artisan Lakes in Nocatee. These homes come equipped with an oversized two-car garage and range from two to five bedrooms and 1,755 to 2,839 square feet. For those looking for even more space, an optional second floor can be added to any home design to allow for up to 1,246 additional square feet for a grand total of 4,085 square feet. With prices from the high 200s, these homes appeal to a wide range of home buyers.

Love at First Sight – Coming Home to Nocatee

After becoming an official Nocatee resident, Mary Grace LaMendola didn't waste any time adapting to her new home. The resort-like amenities, small town feel and outstanding community events ... it was love at first sight.

Mary Grace's coastal-cottage home in Nocatee's Town Center includes a preserve view—one she appreciates after a long day of working at her computer, and when outside on her back patio. "My patio is my favorite part of my new home. I love serving meals, reading books and listening to music – all while basking in the Florida sunshine" she

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shares. The relaxing and tropical atmosphere of the community's featured amenity, Splash Water Park, is another community perk which Northerners like herself are excited to enjoy year-round. Mary Grace is proud to tell friends about her community's commitment to "smart growth," and the other benefits of living in a master-planned community.

Nocatee's plentiful green-space and miles of trails (both paved, and unpaved) are additional features that she knew were unique to Nocatee. "Since visiting the Nocatee Dog Park, I look forward to the idea of regularly walking my dog Zoe up to the Nocatee Community Park, as a part of our new regular routine." Living in one of the several Nocatee Town Center neighborhoods, Mary Grace also enjoys her neighborhood's walkable, urban-feel.



"I take advantage of living within walking distance, and walk over for my Publix groceries, and the occasional frozen yogurt. Not only do I save gas money and enjoy the convenience of not having to get in the car, but I also feel healthier—I've lost about five pounds," she boasts.

One of her favorite things to share with fellow empty nesters is the monthly community events and activities that cater to all age groups, including the family and adult-friendly functions. "I attended the Roscolusa Songwriters Festival at Nocatee last summer as a community guest, and cannot wait to attend again this year," she says with a smile. Now as a resident, she is looking forward to grilling-out with family and friends at home before walking over to all of the fun events and activities within Nocatee.

"I love my Nocatee mobile app—I use it all the time to see what's happening in the community. With this app and the resident exclusive online forum, I can keep track of my Nocatee social calendar—the Coastal Pickleball group, an upcoming drive-in movie, this month's farmers markets... it all helps me to stay in the loop and make sure I never miss out on an event!"

To Mary Grace, her move to Nocatee offered more than just a new home. "I feel like I'm living on vacation year-round, one where I can walk over to the quaint Town Center for groceries, take a ten minute car ride to the beach and avoid the hassles of rush-hour traffic," says Mary Grace. "I'm really living the dream!"

SPLASH WATER PARK

Nocatee fun, like everything else here, is the best of the best. Splash Water Park, which opened in March of 2010, is a resort-style water playground and a major recreational destination for Nocatee residents of all ages. With stunning new water play structures and room to relax, the Splash Water Park includes a variety of activities perfect for thrill seekers, younger residents and anyone desiring a slow, leisurely pace. Park amenities include plenty of opportunities for water enthusiasts, along with a sand volleyball court and a children's playground.

For the adventurous, Rip Tide Slide is an exhilarating experience and boasts the highest water slide tower in Northeast Florida. The park's signature high-speed thrill ride includes two slides, both offering exciting corkscrew turns, twists and slippery slopes for two very distinct experiences. Smaller children can enjoy Splash Cove, a shallow-access pool and interactive playground with a maximum depth of 18 inches. The lagoon pool is perfect for all ages, and the Lazy Tides River is the place to relax while enjoying 450 feet of slow-moving current floating in a tube and taking in the

scenery of tropical rock outcroppings and plant life, waterfalls and geysers. A rapid-tide whirlpool is tucked into a corner, and water spray features provide relief from the Florida sun.

The poolside Cabana is a covered, open-air venue complete with a summer kitchen great for hosting parties and other outdoor gatherings, and a full menu of food and snacks offered by Rocky's NY Pizza at the Sun Deck.

One of the recent additions to Nocatee's Splash Water Park is a 330-foot zip line. At over 35 feet high, residents soar at over 37 mph from the Rip Tide Slide Tower across Splash Water Park, above the Lazy Tides River and through the palm tree canopies and end on the park's western lawn.

With several new additions to Nocatee's Splash Water Park, the park now features an expansion with a new family pool and a children's sprayground with additional deck space, shade and covered seating areas.

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- **Outdoor Kitchens:** More than just a grill, outdoor kitchens include fully functional kitchen appliances that can withstand wear and tear caused by the elements. Great for a family cookout, outdoor kitchens can bring friends and family together for good food and good times.
- **Outdoor Entertainment:** In addition to adding an outdoor cooking area, creating an entertainment space with high-end features will make your outdoor living area the best spot in your home. Consider installing a fireplace or fire pit for the occasional chilly night that calls for roasting marshmallows. Add a flat screen TV for the family to enjoy a movie night under the stars. Get with an outdoor living specialist to help you find the right type of TV and how to install it.
- **Lanais:** Lanais are a great space for large parties and social gatherings. They offer the best of being indoors and outdoors. Whether you choose a screen or glass, a lanai is a safe and functional room for your entire family.

- **Sunrooms:** Adding a sunroom (also known as a solarium or Florida room) to your new home will let you make the most of the outdoors while eliminating discomforts such as direct sunlight, harsh weather, and many of Florida's insects and pests.
- **Pavers:** Pavers are a great solution for outdoor enclosures, patios and walkways. With a variety of shapes, colors, patterns and textures, you can tailor your pavement to the aesthetic of your home. A hired professional that specializes in outdoor living spaces can also remove old pavers and install new pavement.

Finding Patio Furniture

Adding patio furniture is like frosting on the cake. Great patio furniture brings an extra level of comfort and function to outdoor living spaces. However, it's important to consider how you will be using your new furniture before you purchase it. The style of your home and overall decor should be reflected in your choice of patio furniture. A beach cottage presents a different aesthetic from that of a Spanish-style bungalow. Make sure your furniture isn't too big or too small for its space; you don't want to overcrowd, but you also don't want it to look sparse. The most important aspect to consider is the material of your patio furniture. Most metal, teak, cedar, and all-weather wicker pieces will be unfazed by whatever nature throws their way. Furniture made using these forgiving materials will look wonderful for years to come.

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Swimming Pool Bliss

If you think you're ready to take the plunge and add a pool to an outdoor living area, there is a lot to consider. Just like with a car or house, swimming pools are a big investment. Get with a pool builder and come up with a wish list and discuss what you have in mind. There are many ways to build a swimming pool. They can be made of concrete, fiberglass or vinyl. Then there's choosing cleaning systems, filtering systems and other finishing touches. Getting up to speed will allow you to speak your pool builder's language and be more confident in the decision-making process. The next step is to determine what pool shape you want. Rectangular designs are great for pool games and swimming laps. Kidney-shaped and free-form pools can blend easier with surrounding plants and appear more natural. If you want to add a waterfall or grotto, this shape is easier to work with.

Avoid insects, leaves, grass clippings and other debris by getting a pool enclosure. Pool enclosures preserve the pool area and allow you to enjoy your pool on the hot days without worrying about the elements and can offer some much needed shade from the sun.

Outdoor Appeal

Adding some finishing touches can really take the street view of your home to the next level. To update the front or backyard of your home, a beautiful landscape project and quality fence will instantly enhance your home.



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Where to Begin

When homeowners consider a remodeling project, they seldom place the yard on the top of their list. However, curb appeal offers one of the greatest returns on investment in home improvement projects. A homeowner can focus on the interior of their home and create a masterpiece, but the first thing that people see when they come to a home is the exterior of the house and the yard. A well-landscaped yard visually draws people closer to your home and creates a more inviting atmosphere. Furthermore, landscaping is one of the easiest projects a homeowner can do to boost curb appeal and ensure a greater return on investment.

If you're making lawn improvements for your new home, choose a relatively conservative design and border plants over wilder and more exotic species. Use greenery that is hearty and relatively easy to maintain, versus delicate, expensive plants that could die during a drought, an extremely rainy season, or a cold snap—all of which happen in Northeast Florida. If every plant in your garden is at one level, it will look and feel unnatural, so vary the heights of your flowers, bushes, shrubs and trees. Should your yard area be small or lacking in overall space, consider using taller, more slender plants and trees to create a vertical flow.

Energy Efficiency

Not only can a well-designed landscape add beauty to your home and a greater return on your investment, but it can also reduce your heating and cooling costs and promote water conservation. On average, landscaping for energy efficiency provides enough energy savings to return an initial investment in less than eight years.

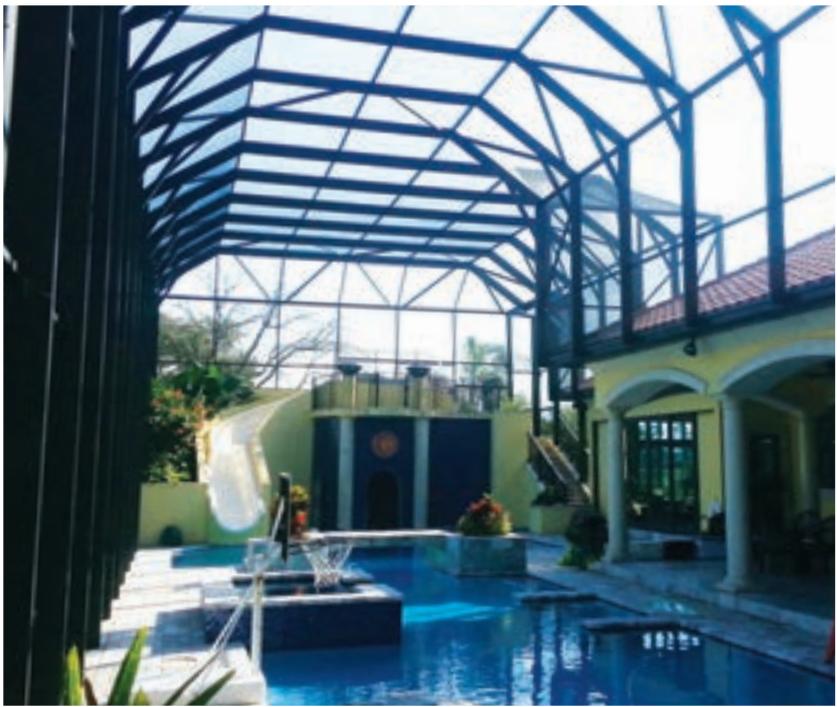
The U.S. Department of Energy states that even one strategically placed shade tree can save a household up to 25 percent on its energy bills. Deciduous trees planted on the south side of your house will allow sunlight to warm you in the winter and provide shade in the summer.

The Right Tools

Invest in products that will aid you in your landscaping. You should begin to apply organic fertilizer when you start to mow your lawn in the spring. Continue to fertilize your lawn at the beginning and end of each season until winter to keep it healthy and beautiful. Remember to spread the fertilizer evenly during each application. Furthermore, to enrich your newly landscaped yard, you will want to get rid of any pests that may ruin your new yard and apply natural insecticides using household items such as garlic, chili powder, lemon and baking soda that can prevent invaders from returning.

- **Fencing:** Wooden fences are one of the most economical choices you can make when installing a fence. They are easy to maintain and do a good job of not letting things out and keeping things from getting in. There are several styles made of wood that go with just about any architectural style. From split rail to the classic white picket fence, wood is a good choice for an enclosure. Some styles are not as easy to maintain as others. Plain wood, regardless of style, weathers nicely and does not need much maintenance. Vinyl is one material that has really come a long way from its beginning. You still have to pay attention to the quality, but the best quality vinyl fencing installed by a credible installer looks great, is easy to maintain, hard to destroy and long-lasting. Ornamental aluminum is another popular choice. It tends to make a statement while blending in with the environment. Aluminum is practical because it is light weight and does not rust.

If you are hiring someone to install your fence, consider the amount of experience they have. Make sure the company you choose has a good history of quality work and recent references that they are comfortable with you contacting. If they cannot or do not want to show all these things, find another company to install your fence.




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there are many reasons to consider remodeling your home. Maybe you've outgrown your present home but really don't want to move, maybe you're looking for ways to add value to your home so you can maximize profits when you do sell, or maybe you just want to treat yourself and upgrade the home you already have. A home remodel is an excellent solution to these and other situations.

To ensure you get the most out of any remodel, talk to a few contractors about your ideas, how viable they are, and what the costs are likely to be. By talking to a professional, you'll get the expert advice you need to move ahead with, or think twice about, the home remodel you've been daydreaming about.

Many people feel that once ideas, scope, and priorities are decided, it is time for a design professional to be involved. Most people need help making decisions about options and deciding what is feasible in terms of the existing structure and the overall budget. A design professional can help make sure that the end product is attractive and meets all the objectives for which it is built. As a general rule, the larger the project, the more important it is to have design help.

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A CHAT WITH BEETREE FOUNDER

Katrina Hosea

By Mindy K. Urueta

there's a lot of buzz about BeeTree Homes and it's no surprise! With awards and accolades defining them as a leading renovation expert here on the First Coast, founder and owner Katrina Hosea takes a different approach to rebuilding and renovating homes.

We wanted to get to know Katrina—the driving force behind this unique company named after a favorite childhood haunt. She took time to tell us about her passion-turned-business and what makes BeeTree Homes stand out from the rest.

Why renovation?

There is no other joy than when you share your gifts and talents with others. The more you give of yourself the more you gain in return. So I worked hard, paid my dues and did a whole lot of self-talk so that I

could get past my own stereotypes and I went for it. Now I am blessed with living my passion—creating beautiful spaces designed by myself or others and implementing those ideas into reality. It is extremely fulfilling when you give your very best to something and someone appreciates the efforts and they express their joy.

What sets BeeTree Homes apart from other builders?

We appreciate, respect and embrace customizing space for individual needs—most of the time that is why people choose to remodel as opposed to buy brand new. Our clients want their homes to be a place of comfort that reflects their personal preferences. We found our niche in creating useful, beautiful spaces through our renovations.

While Jacksonville is growing and expanding and there are beautiful new communities such as Nocatee, there is still a need to re-invest in our existing neighborhoods. The thing I value about renovations is that our clients are invested into their communities, they know their neighbors, they love their location and they have often raised their families in these spaces, they mean something to them. The fact that they are entrusting us with their space and allowing us into their lives and homes is a real honor and we are committed to giving them the best we can.

BeeTree is different because we love the unexpected. I often say, "Special orders don't upset us." While I would be foolish if I said making a profit and being successful is not on my agenda—because I am competitive by nature—our company is not commodity-driven. We are service-oriented and driven by customer satisfaction. The thing to remember also is that we started and still are a renovation company—we specialize in finding creative solutions for our clients needs. Our award-winning kitchen designs are what propelled us into other forms of renovations, such as more complicated additions, summer kitchens and whole house renovations. Being a Design Build Firm, we have been able to do our own custom homes from concept to fruition all in-house. So much so that we now have a 3-D visual program that we use in all our designs that simulates walking through the spaces.

What is your process when a client comes to you?

We sit down and simply talk! We get to know what their needs, wants and desires are. If we design a beautiful space and it doesn't meet our client's real agenda, then I consider it a failure. Spaces should be designed and function for how people will use them. My other concern is that they need to be designed so that they fit within a budget. I have seen so many potential clients bring us plans of spaces that will never get built because they were simply cost prohibitive. The building process should be a collaborative effort involving architects, interior designers and the builder.

What would you like potential clients to know about you and your company?

We love what we do and we do it well. We are a team of professionals that strive for excellence but at the end of the day it is construction. Things do not always go as planned, but when they don't we bring our A-game. Sometimes the biggest challenges bring about the best of creativity. Time and time again I have seen something spectacular come out of something that we thought was a road block. We feel that with our company you receive an intrinsic value which is our people, our processes and our commitment to success. We hire the best trade partners we can find and partner with creative designers who are knowledgeable on what is available in the markets. I am so thankful for the clients who have invited us into their lives and allowed us to make their dreams a reality. BeeTree Homes has become so much more than a company—it has taken on its own identity and I am so humbled to have played a part in the story and I believe there is so much more to be written.



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Founder and owner Katrina Hosea offers up some tips to prepare for your dream renovation:

Do your homework

It is much easier for you to get what you want if you first figure out what you want. Remodeling and renovating are expensive, so ask yourself why you're remodeling and what you need to get out of it. Is your family expanding? Are you attempting to increase your equity for a quick turnaround? Are you fulfilling a lifelong dream?

Though you may not be starting a remodel, update, or renovation on your kitchen first, for this article I will discuss the process for this room, which can also be applied to any other room you've selected.

Let's say you want to work on your kitchen. Your kitchen should reflect your lifestyle. It should accommodate your cooking needs, provide the type of space you need for dining and offer plenty of storage. Here are some questions you might ask yourself:

- What is working with the space and what is not? How many people will be cooking and gathering here? What are the traffic patterns needed to move around with ease and efficiency?
- What is the size of the space? Would you need to expand the room for your needs? If you are planning on opening up to another room, are you sure it is not a load-bearing wall? This might require structural work and unforeseen costs.
- What is the connection of the kitchen to adjacent rooms? Do you want an open floor plan?
- Are you remodeling your kitchen within the existing footprint? Any changes will cost more, but you may really need and want this.
- What is the condition and age of the building? You might find yourself needing to upgrade your electrical or plumbing.
- What is your budget? You may have Champagne tastes on a beer budget. On the Real Simple website (realsimple.com), they recommend before you meet with a contractor or an architect, you'll need a ballpark estimate—then both of you will be able to talk honestly about what's possible. It's a good idea to build some padding—at least 10 percent is recommended—into your number, for all those unexpected “uh-ohs” and “might-as-wells” that will crop up.

Make a wish list

Make two columns: one column with your wants and the other, your needs. That way, when faced with tough choices down the line, you'll have a clearer picture of your priorities—what has to happen now and what can wait. (A second bathroom upstairs might be a must; a stainless-steel Viking range, maybe not so much.) Creating a wish list also allows for a dialogue between family members and compromises that might need to be made. The more detailed you are, the better.

The cart before the horse

Create a preliminary floor plan and elevations showing the layout and cabinet sizes. You really need to figure out what will go where, how many square feet you will need, and ultimately how much this will cost before you hand off the project. This will give you a starting point for an estimate of costs. This might even determine what fixtures and finishes you might consider.

Fixtures and finishes

Some start the process by looking at appliances, others at photos of kitchens. A good idea is to create idea books and folders of pictures of looks that appeal to you. You can also check out products and ideas on Houzz.com, go to open houses, and look at showrooms, books and magazines. By going through the selection process, you will find your style, whether it's modern, classic, traditional, cottage or a personal style somewhere in between. You probably know if you want a white kitchen, a natural wood kitchen or some color. Your ideas can be as formal as creating a notebook with folders or it can be a folder with a group of photos.

Now you need to make your final selection of finishes and fixtures. This usually includes:

- Cabinetry construction type, door style, finish and color
- Countertop material
- Refrigerators and other appliances
- Kitchen sink and faucet
- Light fixtures
- Flooring
- Backsplash
- Decorative hardware

Nothing is set in stone

Remember that at this point you are in the planning stages and that your scope of work and your budget will change many times during the design process as you become more educated and able to determine what you want and what you can afford. As a homeowner, you're not expected to walk into this knowing what everything should cost.

First things first

Be sure to check your calendar. What is your timeline for the renovation? If you want a major remodel of your living room for the holidays, don't wait until the middle of September to start talking about it. You won't want to install a new roof during the winter, just as you might not want all your family visiting in the summer when you're remodeling your bathrooms. You want to give yourself enough time to think through the process and be as informed as you can.



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Remodeling projects can range from replacing flooring or a faucet to installing new trim work or tile and replacing windows and doors. Remodeling can also take on the form of revamping or adding a bathroom, redoing a kitchen, overhauling your home's exterior for improved curb appeal, or completing an addition to increase your home's square footage and add valuable space. Big and small changes can both have an impact and will improve the way your home looks and functions, increasing its value and making it more enjoyable for you and your family.

Financing Your Dream Home

Renovating your new home is a big financial investment. According to homeadvisor.com, the anticipated average cost of renovating multiple rooms in 2016 is \$35,602. Making the leap towards your dream home and hiring professionals on the First Coast to remodel your home will be both aesthetically and financially beneficial. Whether you are looking to improve your home with an addition or an interior or exterior remodel, renovation professionals will be there through all stages of home remodeling, making your dream a much less stressful endeavor. Once you've established a budget, research the cost of materials, contractor's pay, interest charges, legal fees, permits, extra shipping charges, unexpected specialized trade services, final clean up fees, and delay charges. We suggest on planning for a budget overrun in case of emergencies. If your plans cost more than your budget, taking out a loan is an option. Speak to your bank about what is available to you.

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Other Costs

It's important for homeowners to remember the small aspects like electric rewiring or rerouting plumbing. If you skimp or opt out of making sure the electric and water components of your home are done properly, this can cause many problems in the future.

Being the most western point on the Eastern Seaboard, the First Coast is rarely hit with hurricanes. However, if you're living near the beaches, make sure that the windows use glass paneling that meets hurricane code requirements.

For the Future

Whether your new home is your forever home or a stepping stone on your way to purchasing your dream house, making renovations will only improve your investment. No matter your plan for the future, transforming dated spaces into your dream home is a beneficial decision. If you have an older home, certain modern renovations will allow your home to last longer and gain value. In general, older homes tend to increase in value with age, which is why many residents choose to buy houses in established communities. Some neighborhoods, such as the Beaches, Ortega and San Marco, are filled with older homes that steadily increase in value each year.

By making the investment with certain renovations, the sale of a temporary home can make buying your dream home much easier. In some cases, the value of a remodeling project at resale is more than 100 percent of its original cost. Homes in neighborhoods such as Marsh Landing and Sawgrass may not need as many big renovations, but making a house a home through personal touches and changes will make all the difference for your family.

Room by Room

Once you've created a budget for your home renovations, it's time to decide where to allocate your funds. There are many businesses on the First Coast who are ready and willing to help make your vision a reality.

Living Room – Many renovators install new entertainment centers, update the wall colors and invest in new furniture. They can help change your living room to reflect your family's personality, whether it be fun and bright or cool and exotic.

Kitchen – Remodeling a kitchen can vary from buying new high-tech appliances, upgrading to marble countertops, building new cabinets or buying various decorations and hardware. No matter what your project is, there are contractors available for any project you're working on.

Bathroom – Renovating a bathroom can vary from simply adding in new fixtures to completely changing the shower/bathtub, storage space or floors. Some bathroom trends include eco-friendly water fixtures or creating a spa-like atmosphere.

Bedroom – Bedroom remodeling can include anything from adding new soothing lighting to creating a personalized closet to fit your organizational needs. Many closet companies can tailor their work to the customer, bringing you one step closer to the perfect home.

Garage – Garages have a multitude of purposes. Whether you're using them for your cars, storage or an extra room, contractors can help you create the space you want and need. Some turn their garage into a den or playroom. Others may increase the storage space to make organizing of tools, toys or other items much more efficient.





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Building259-2403

Chamber of Commerce259-6433

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Town Hall259-3777

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Property Appraiser.....	269-6305
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City Hall	297-7500
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Florida Fish and Wildlife

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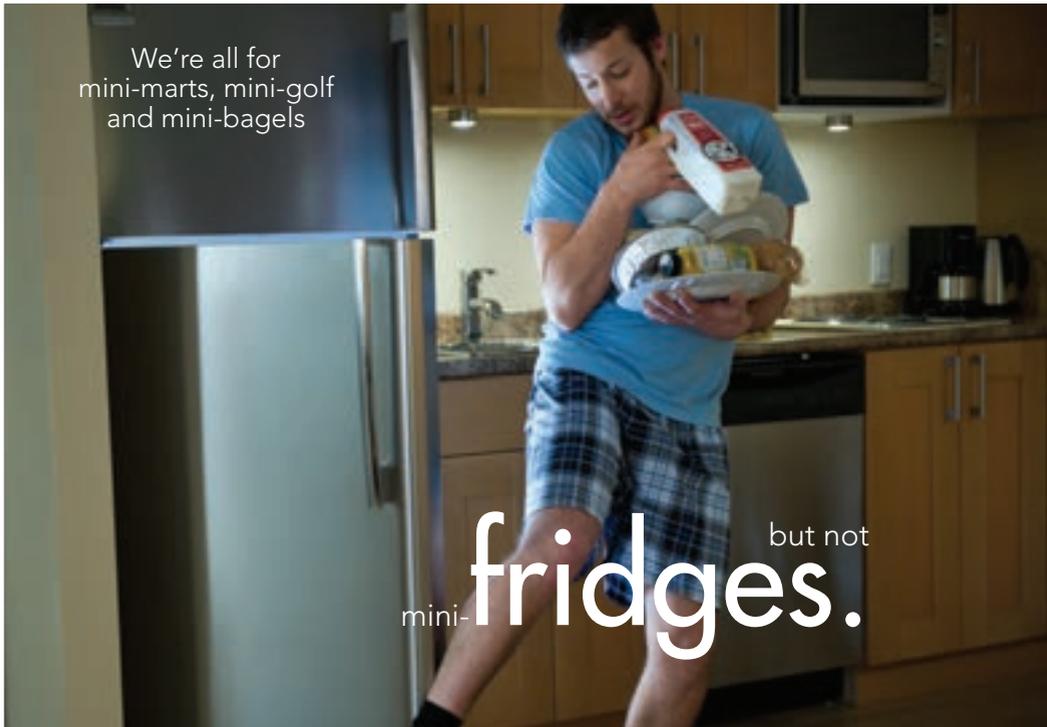
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Health Department..... 253-1000

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- Arrange for utilities, newspaper, telephone and cable services to be disconnected
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- Make reservations for overnight stays and arrange transportation for pets and plants

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- Transfer bills, stocks, investments and bank accounts, as needed
- Clean out cupboards, garage, attic and any other

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- Pack all household items, be sure to carefully label boxes by room

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- Discontinue delivery services and close out all local accounts (library cards, gym memberships, etc.)
- Clean out safety deposit box; send valuables ahead by registered mail or take them with you
- Defrost/dry refrigerators and freezers after emptying and thoroughly cleaning them out
- Arrange for final financial transactions at the bank

The Day Before

- Pack luggage to take with you, including valuables and identification cards
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City Hall	270-2400
City Manager	270-2400
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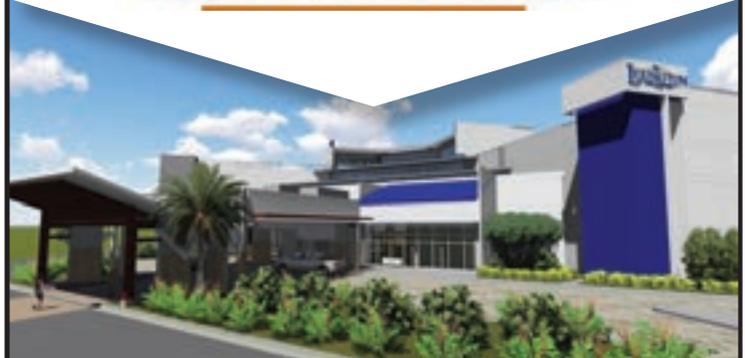
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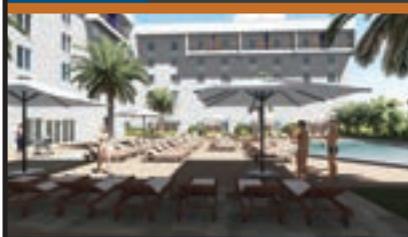
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WHERE TO HANG YOUR HAT

To Rent or To Own

In addition to financial considerations, lifestyle plays an important role in the decision to purchase or rent a home. For some, the desire to lay down roots and become part of a community fulfills their "American Dream." Others may say they would feel caged without the freedom to roam around the country at will, leaving their homes behind and starting anew, thereby making renting a home the better option for their family. Regardless of where you decide to hang your hat, the economic outlook for the housing market is looking up with values increasing at steady rates.

Recent reports by the Bureau of Labor Statistics suggest the First Coast's economy is improving after showing the unemployment rate dropping to 5.1 percent. That's down from 6.6 percent in 2014, and much lower than the 7.1 percent unemployment rate we saw in 2013. In addition, jobs have increased from 686,878 to 713,113 in a 12 month period.

In a single month the median cost of a rental home increased from \$1,271 to \$1,341 per month beginning in May of this year. The average price for homebuyers increased from \$212,484 to \$224,036 from May to June.

QUICK STATS FOR THE FIRST COAST

Real estate trends: www.trulia.com/real_estate/jacksonville-florida

The Northeast Florida Association of Realtors reported in October 2014 that the area's average sale price saw a 3.8 percent increase from last year.

According to AptIndex.com, the percentage of vacancies in Jacksonville was 7.7; the average rent was \$841 and the market rank was 96 as of October 2014. According to RentJungle.com, the average apartment rent in Jacksonville was \$902; one bedrooms were \$737 and two bedrooms were \$873. This data was recorded in October 2014.

With an optimistic outlook for home values on the First Coast, now may be a good time to consider buying a house. But, clearly there is no right or wrong decision when it comes to owning versus renting. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, and often the decision is based on personal values.

One of the main reasons people choose buying over renting is the opportunity to reap financial rewards. According to Money Allocator, making a monthly mortgage payment is like putting money in a savings account rather than giving it to a landlord. Each time a payment is made a percentage goes to equity. In addition, interest paid on a home loan can be deducted on your income taxes.

Other reasons residents purchase rather than rent include a sense of pride and accomplishment in owning a little corner of the world and the benefits of belonging to a community where people know and look out for one another.

However, there are some downsides to owning. Maintaining a home and yard can be time-consuming and costly. And, in addition, maintenance costs, attorney's fees, closing costs and annual property taxes can put a dent in the wallet.

Just like relatives, you can't pick your neighbors, nor can you really pick your neighborhood. Regardless of the amount of research you've put in before you make a purchase decision, neighborhoods can change over time and neighbors can change frequently. Unlike renting, buying a house is a long-term commitment. You can't just pack up and move when things are less than pleasant. So a growling dog, the rock star wannabes practicing in the garage next door or a colony of flamingos living on the neighbor's lawn must be either tolerated or negotiated.

By the same token, renting has its pros and cons.

Financially, the initial investment is miniscule compared to buying a home. Most rental properties require only a deposit and the first month's rent prior to moving in. And, there are no property taxes involved in renting a home, condominium or apartment.



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- Previous addresses from the last two years
- Names and addresses of employer(s) from the last two years

Photocopies of:

- Driver's licenses
- Latest bank statements and pay stubs
- Last two years' W-2 forms or 1099s

Name, Address and Account Numbers of:

- Checking and savings accounts
- All credit cards with outstanding balances
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- Photocopy of divorce decree (if applicable)
- Information and papers on prior foreclosures and/or bankruptcies (if any)
- Schedule of other real estate owned (if applicable)
- Evidence of mortgage/rental payments

As a renter, the cost and hassle of repairing a leaky roof, ensuring the air conditioner and heating system is maintained and up-to-code and even replacing large appliances such as the refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, and washer and dryer are the responsibility of the landlord. In most cases, yard maintenance is handled by the property manager as well.

Mobility is another advantage. When work calls for you to relocate, or you find you don't like the neighborhood, it is easier to move when you don't have to wait for your property to sell.

Conversely, there are no tax credits for renters, and there is no savings or equity involved. When you pay rent, the landlord keeps it all. In some cases, the rent increases each year when the lease is renewed. Additionally, there are limitations in decorating your home. Flooring, wall color and even picture placement can all have restrictions, which are determined by the property owner.

Whether you decide to rent or own, there are obvious advantages and disadvantages. The key is to make the decision with forethought and to make the decision that best fits with your lifestyle, the needs of your family and the dreams you have for your life in Northeast Florida. With all of the beautiful homes available on the First Coast, it's sure to be a win-win as you settle in. Welcome to your new home!



FACTS & FIGURES

BAKER COUNTY

Population, 2014 estimate.....	27,093
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013.....	0.4%
Asian, 2013.....	0.7%
Black, 2013.....	13.4%
Hispanic, 2013.....	2.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013.....	>0%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013.....	82.1%
Two or More Races, 2013.....	1.6%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	80.1%
Households, 2009-2013.....	8,216
Housing Units, 2014.....	9,620
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013.....	79.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

CLAY COUNTY

Population, 2014 estimate.....	199,798
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013.....	0.5%
Asian, 2013.....	3.1%
Black, 2013.....	10.6%
Hispanic, 2013.....	8.7%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013.....	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013.....	75.5%
Two or More Races, 2013.....	2.8%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	90.2%
Households, 2009-2013.....	67,805
Housing Units, 2014.....	77,439
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013.....	76.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

	Baker County	Clay County	Duval County	Nassau County	St. Johns County
Median Household Income	\$49,236	\$59,482	\$48,323	\$55,315	\$64,876
Less than \$10,000	5.9%	5.0%	8.5%	6.5%	5.4%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	7.3%	3.4%	5.5%	3.8%	3.8%
\$15,000 to \$24,999	9.6%	8.8%	11.3%	8.0%	8.5%
\$25,000 to \$34,999	10.5%	8.8%	11.5%	10.7%	8.7%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	17.6%	15.4%	14.7%	15.9%	12.1%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21.2%	20.8%	18.8%	18.2%	18.2%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	13.0%	14.9%	11.9%	13.9%	13.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	10.2%	15.5%	11.1%	14.6%	15.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2.3%	4.3%	3.6%	4.6%	6.9%
\$200,000 or more	2.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.9%	8.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2009-2013 American Community Survey - American Fact Finder



FIRST COAST 411

Car Insurance

The mandatory minimum coverage for a registered motor vehicle is a \$10,000 personal injury protection (PIP) policy and a \$10,000 property damage liability (PDL) policy. The minimum coverage applies to all vehicles registered in the state of Florida, even if the vehicle is inoperable.

Homestead Exemption

All legal Florida residents who own and reside on property are eligible for a homestead exemption up to \$50,000. This exemption applies to the first and third \$25,000 of the assessed value of the primary residence. The first \$25,000 applies to all property taxes, including school district taxes. The second exemption applies to assessed value over \$50,000 and only to non-school taxes. To apply for the exemption, residents should go to their local Property Appraiser's office between Jan. 1 and March 1 of the year the exemption is sought.

Motor Vehicles

Within 10 days of becoming a Florida resident, all motor vehicles in your possession must be registered and have a Florida license plate. You are considered a Florida resident when you have become employed, placed your child in a public school or established residency in Florida.

Property Taxes

On the First Coast, property taxes are due in March and are considered delinquent as of April 1. Discounts are given for property taxes paid in advance. The maximum discount offered is 4 percent and applies to taxes paid in November. Late taxes are subject to penalty.

Termite Protection Contract

Due to Florida's termite problem, it is required by law that a pest control company provides proof after a termite protection treatment is performed on new homes in the form of a contract. For new construction, this contract is valid for a year and can be renewed for up to four additional years. If buying an older home, it is recommended, but not mandatory by law, to have a termite inspection and obtain a termite contract.

DUVAL COUNTY

Population, 2014 estimate	897,698
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013	0.4%
Asian, 2013	4.5%
Black, 2013	30.0%
Hispanic, 2013	8.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013	55.6%
Two or More Races, 2013	2.6%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	87.9%
Households, 2009-2013.....	330,897
Housing Units, 2014.....	395,841
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013	61.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

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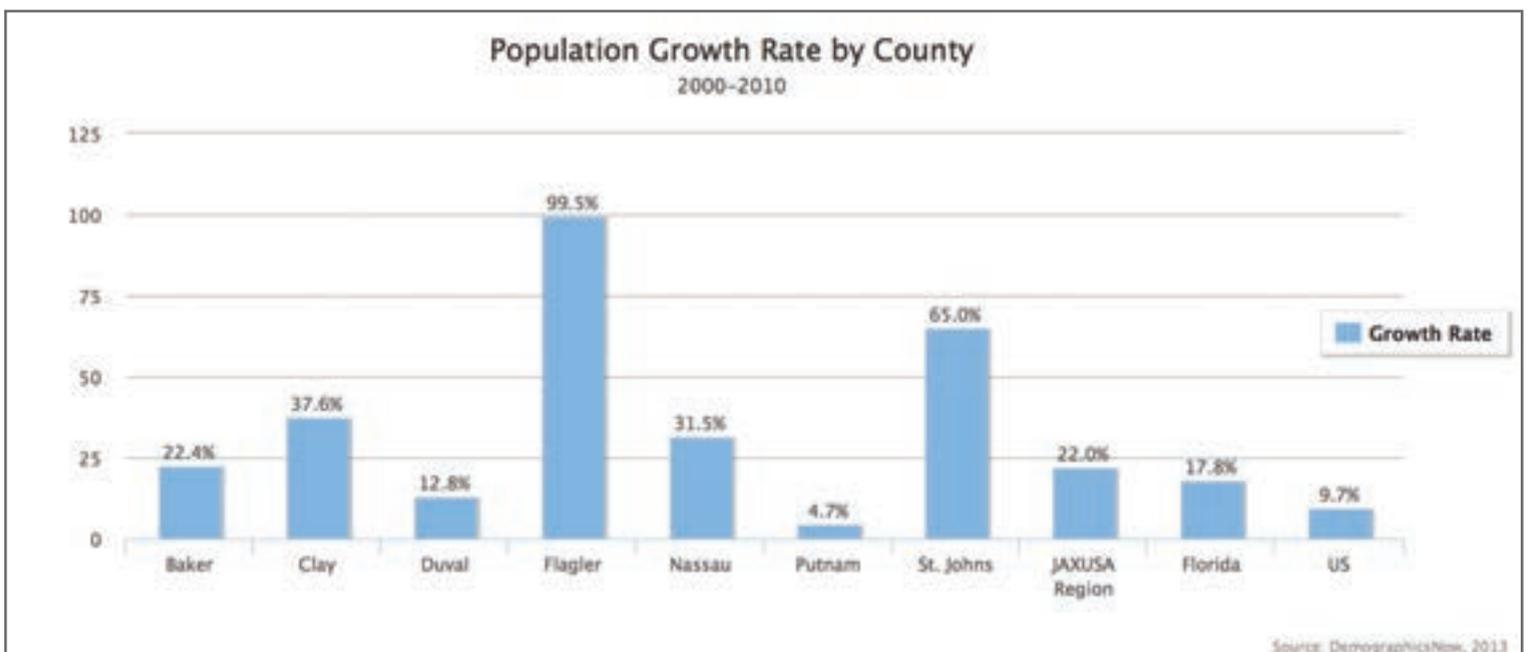
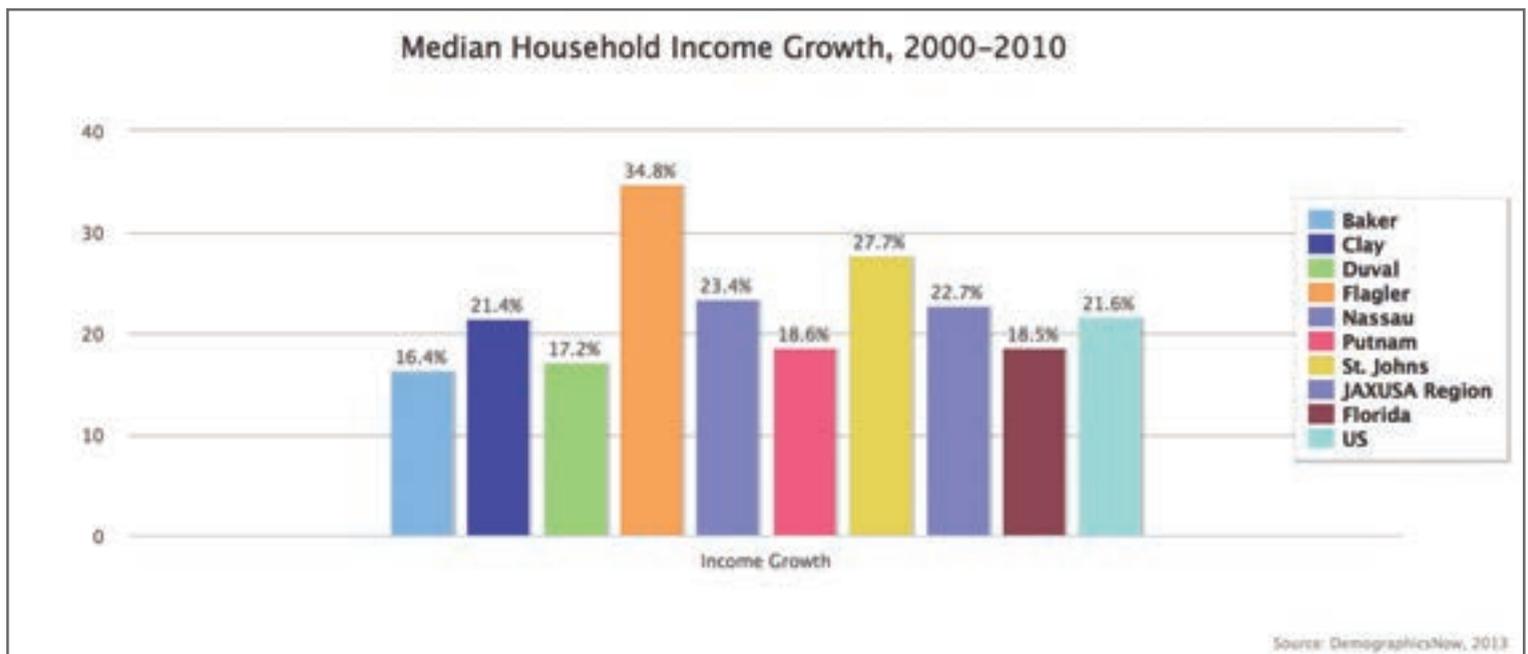
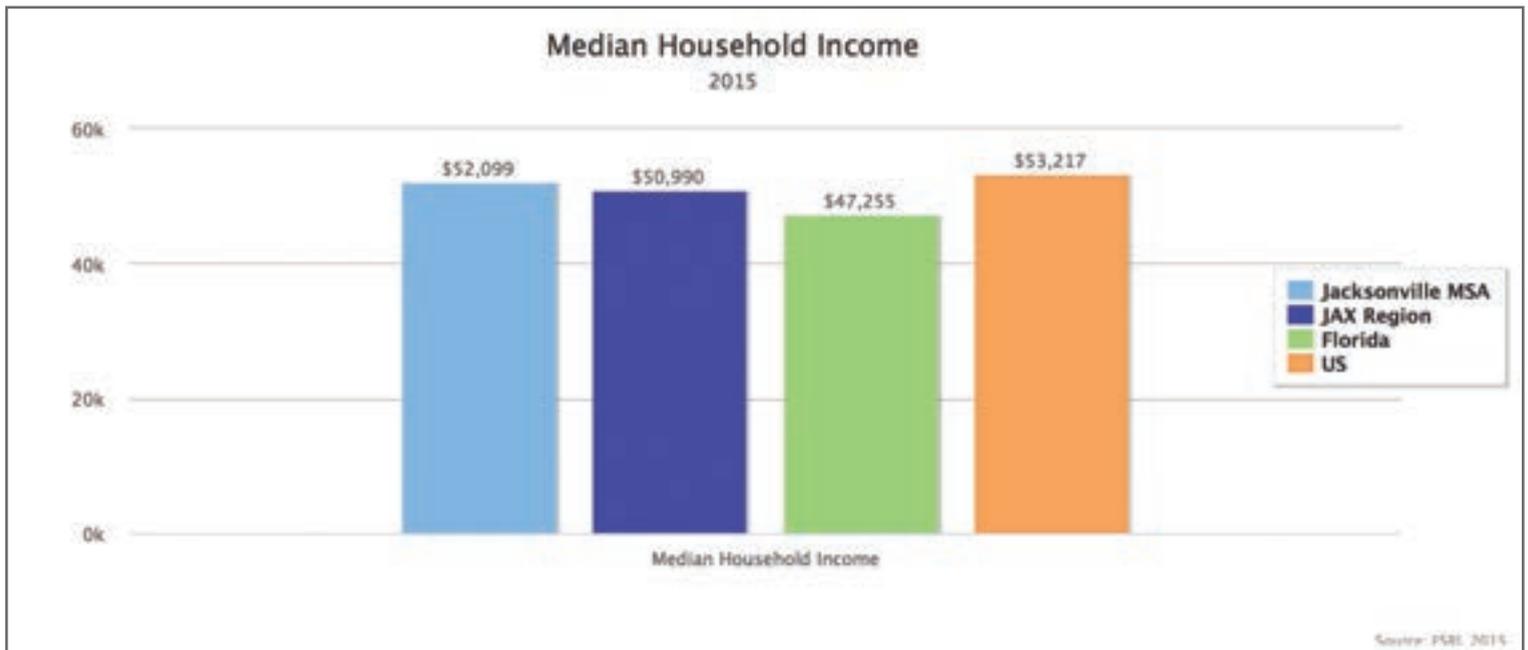
Population, 2014 estimate	76,619
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013	0.5%
Asian, 2013	1.0%
Black, 2013	6.5%
Hispanic, 2013	3.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013	87.2%
Two or More Races, 2013	1.5%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2009-2013.....	89.4%
Households, 2009-2013.....	28,044
Housing Units, 2014.....	35,972
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013	78.4%

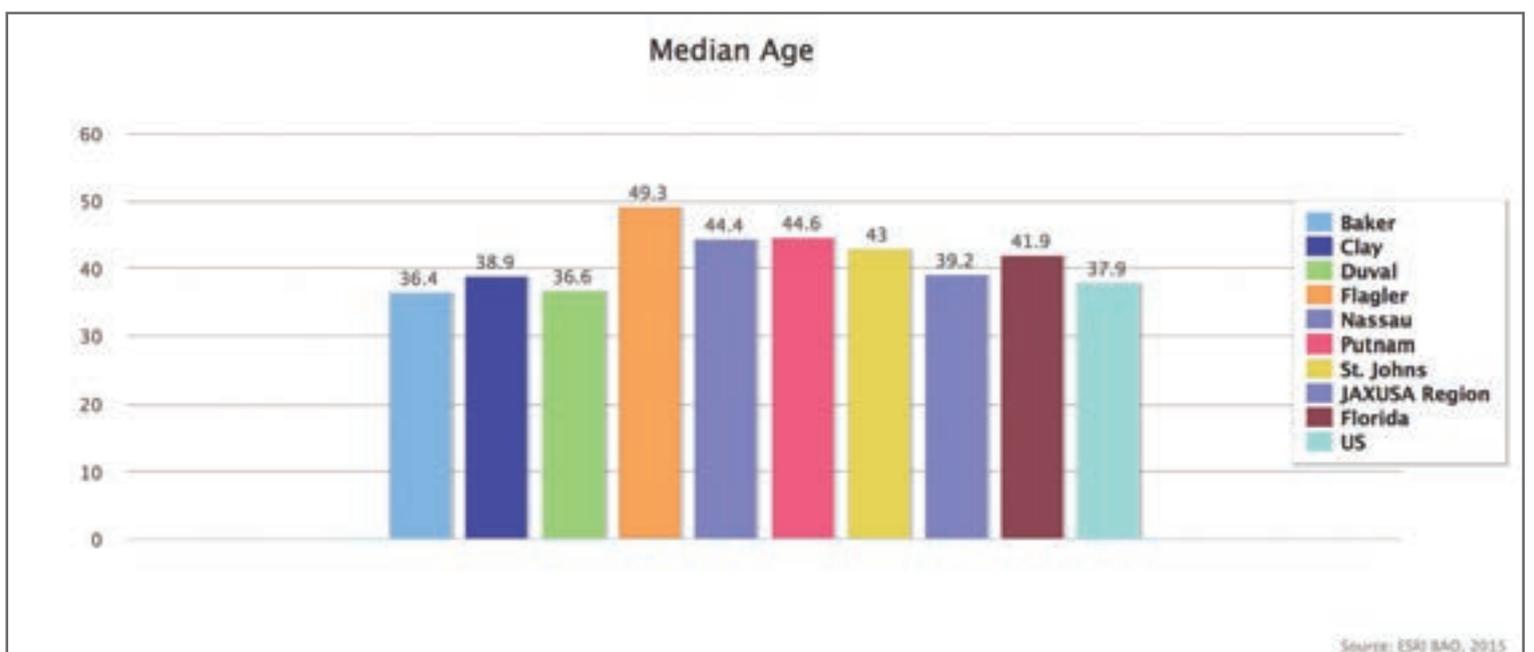
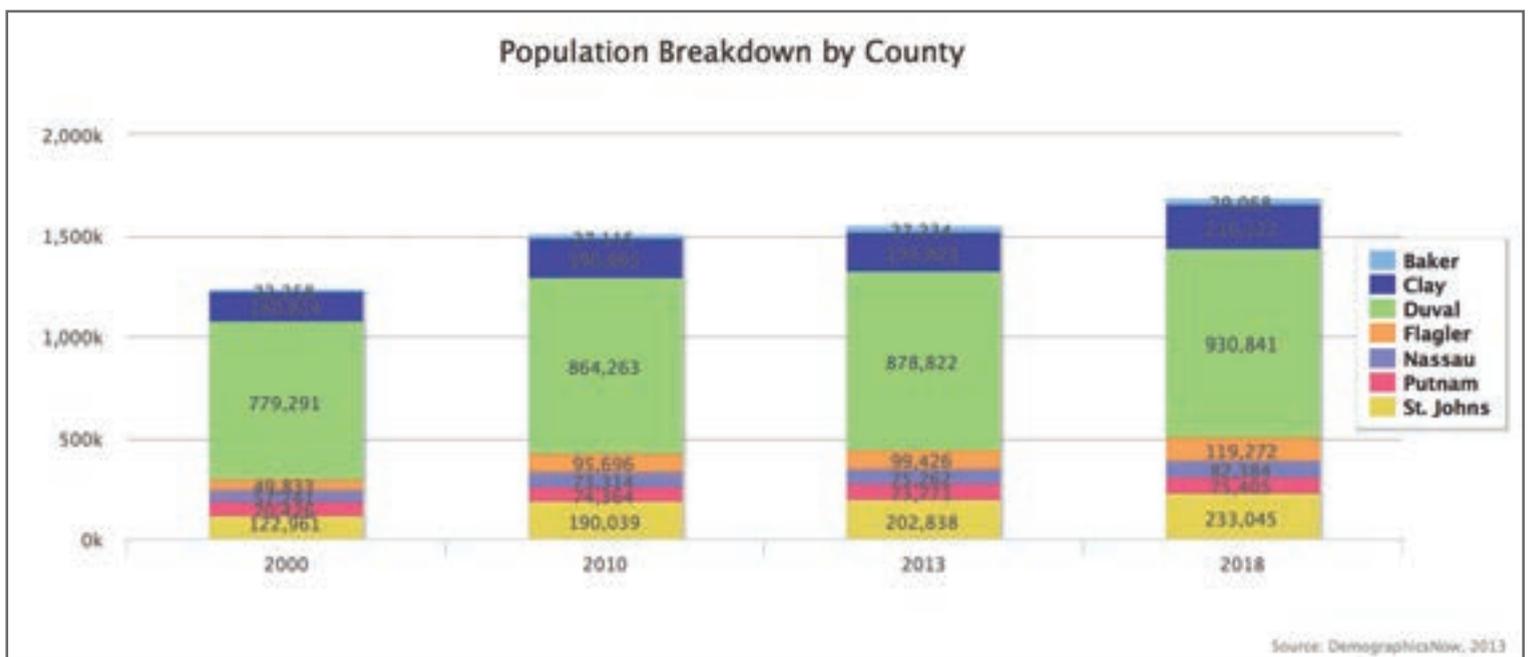
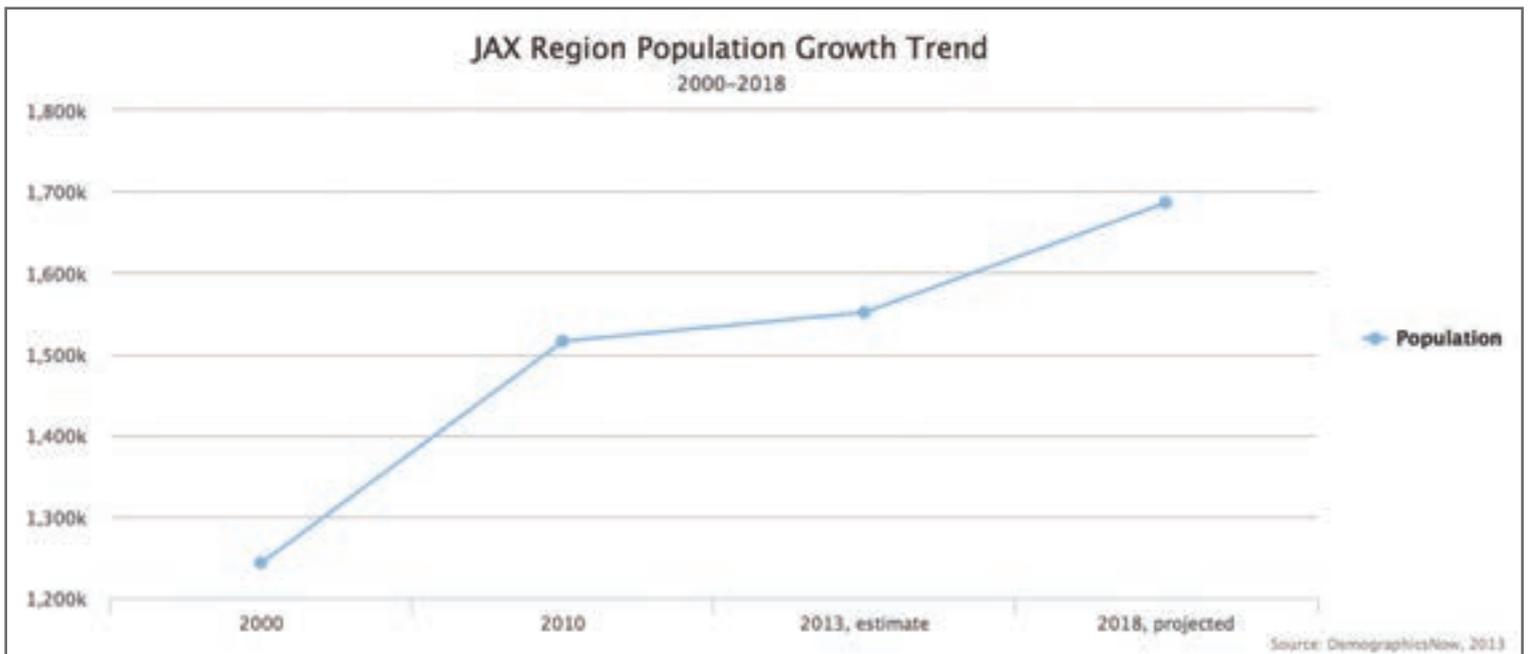
Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Population, 2014 estimate	217,919
American Indian and Alaska Native, 2013	0.3%
Asian, 2013	2.5%
Black, 2013	5.7%
Hispanic, 2013	5.8%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2013	0.1%
White, not Hispanic Origin, 2013	84.5%
Two or More Races, 2013	1.7%
High School Graduate, percentage of persons age 25+, 2008-2012.....	93.2%
Households, 2009-2013.....	75,558
Housing Units, 2014.....	96,900
Homeownership Rate, 2009-2013	77.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts

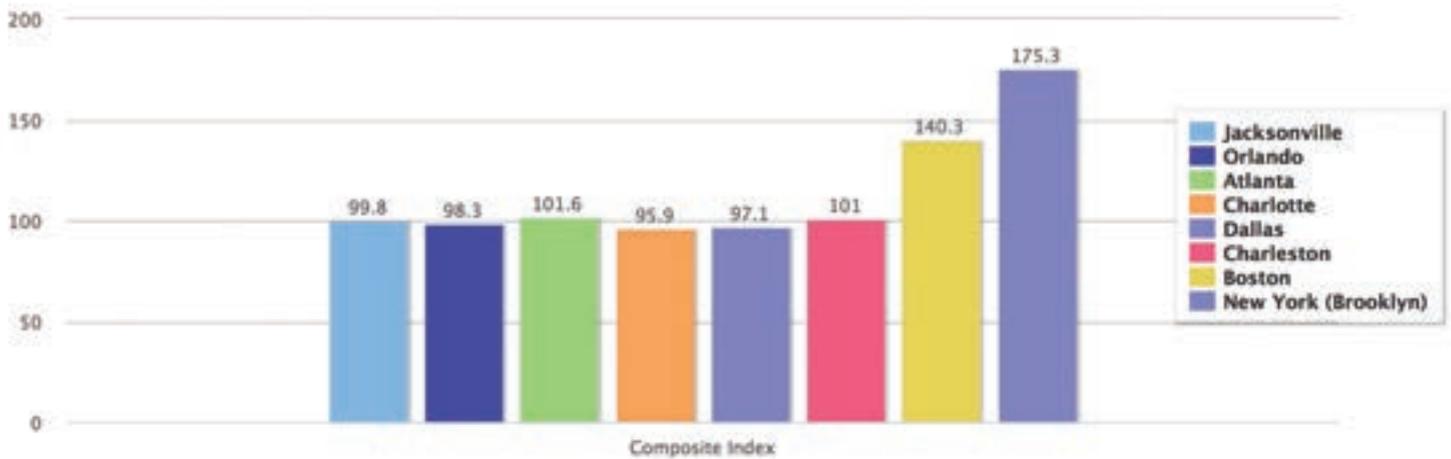






Cost of Living Comparison

Based on US Index of 100



Source: C2ER Cost of Living report, 1st quarter 2015

Median New Home Price



Source: C2ER Cost of Living Annual Report 2014



State Taxes

florida does not impose personal income, inheritance or gift taxes.

The Intangible Personal Property Tax was repealed as of Jan. 1, 2007. Florida's sales tax is 6 percent. Some counties have an additional surtax. Baker, Clay, Duval and Nassau counties all have a surtax of 1 percent. St. Johns County has no additional surtax.

The motor fuel tax rate in Baker, Clay and Nassau counties is 50.0 cents per gallon (cpg), including the federal tax of 18.4 cpg. The motor fuel tax rate in Duval and St. Johns counties is 49.0 cpg, including the federal tax of 18.4 cpg. Diesel fuel is 56.0 cpg, including the federal tax of 24.4 cpg in all five counties.

Complete information is available at the Florida Department of Revenue website, <http://dor.myflorida.com>.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Taxpayer Service Center

Jacksonville Service Center
921 N. Davis St., Ste. A-250
Jacksonville, FL 32209 359-6070

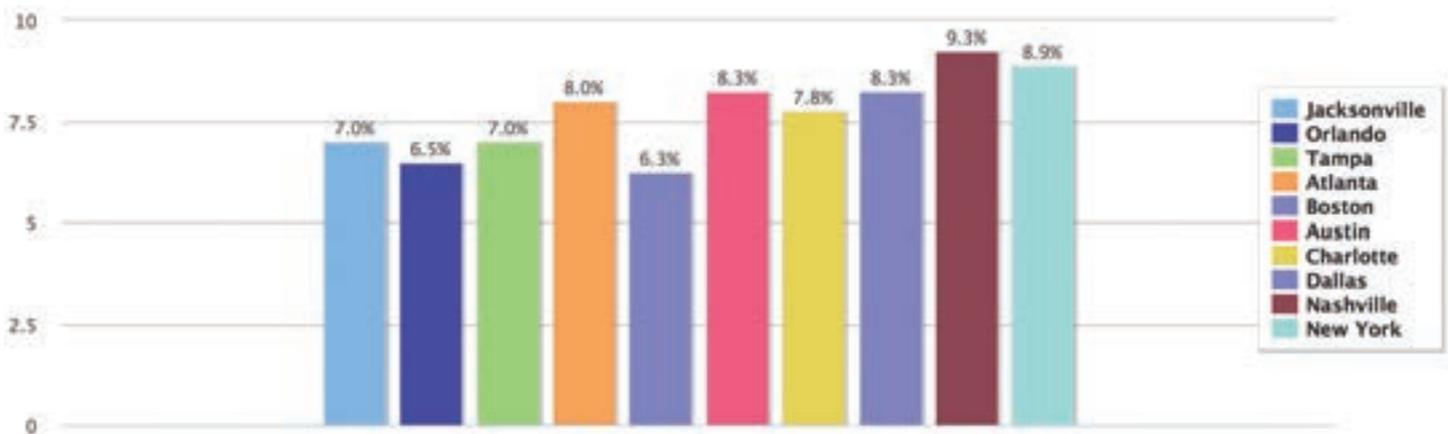
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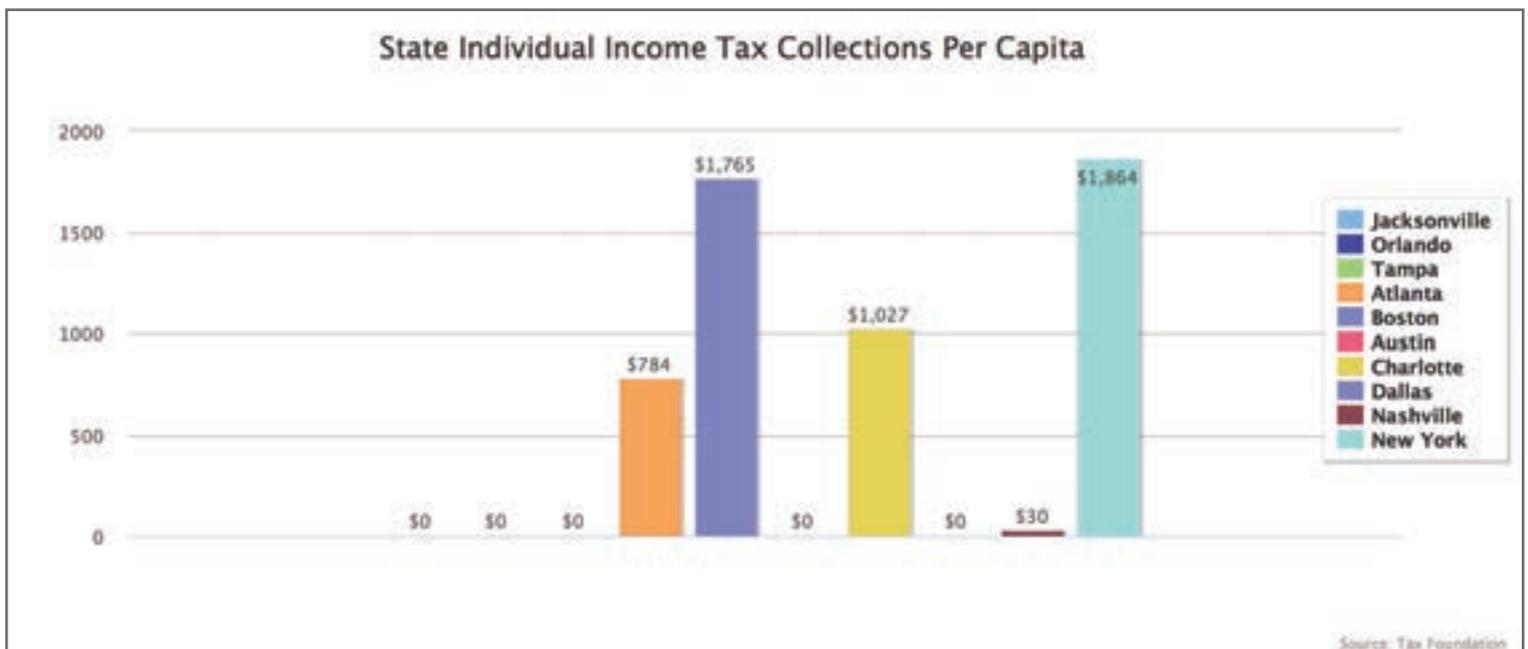
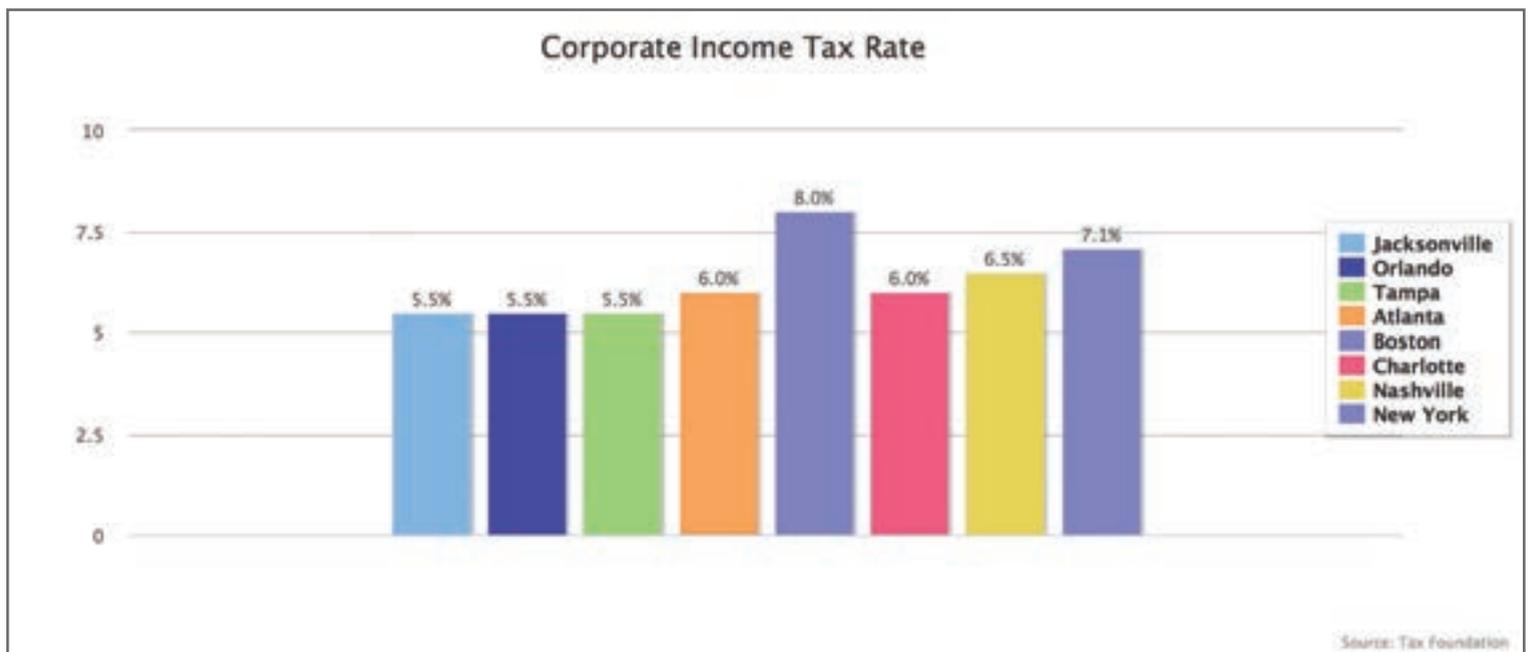
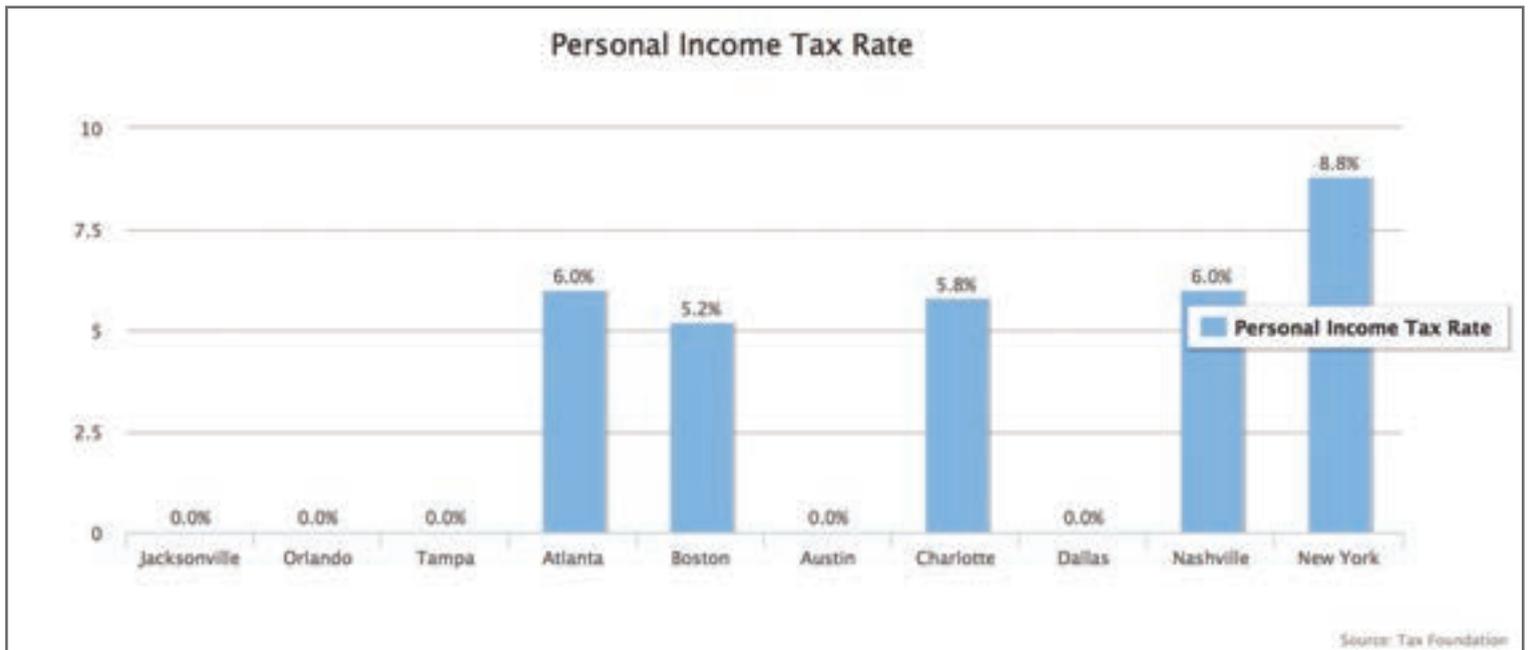
Maria Johnson, Program Director
General Tax Administration
Florida Department of Revenue
5050 W. Tennessee St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399 800-352-3671

Property Tax

Maurice Gogarty, Program Director
Property Tax Oversight
Florida Department of Revenue
P.O. Box 3000
Tallahassee, FL 32315-3000 850-717-6570
DORPTO@dor.state.fl.us

Sales Tax Rate







Weather

northeast Florida is home to gorgeous weather, meaning First Coasters can enjoy clear blue skies and balmy ocean breezes practically year-round. While summers can be hot, winters are typically mild, and the region enjoys a median temperature in the mid-70s. North Florida's subtropical climate offers residents an average annual high of 78° F and an average annual low of 62° F. Residents can enjoy picturesque weather from November until April, with occasional showers during the summer. No need for snow plows and tire chains here!

However, the humid subtropical climate can lead to some of nature's most powerful storms including hurricanes, lightning storms and occasional tornadoes. The following information details what new residents need to know when stormy skies approach.

HURRICANES

Hurricanes are potentially dangerous storms that form over the ocean. Hurricane season is from the beginning of June to the end of November, and although they are most common during these months, hurricanes can form throughout the year. By nature, hurricanes are most threatening to coastlines, and as a peninsula, Florida has three. Typically, Northeast Florida receives fewer hurricanes than other parts of the state because it is the most western point on the U.S. Eastern Seaboard.

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Weather Words to Remember:

Tropical Disturbance: originates in the tropics or subtropics and maintains an identity for 24 hours

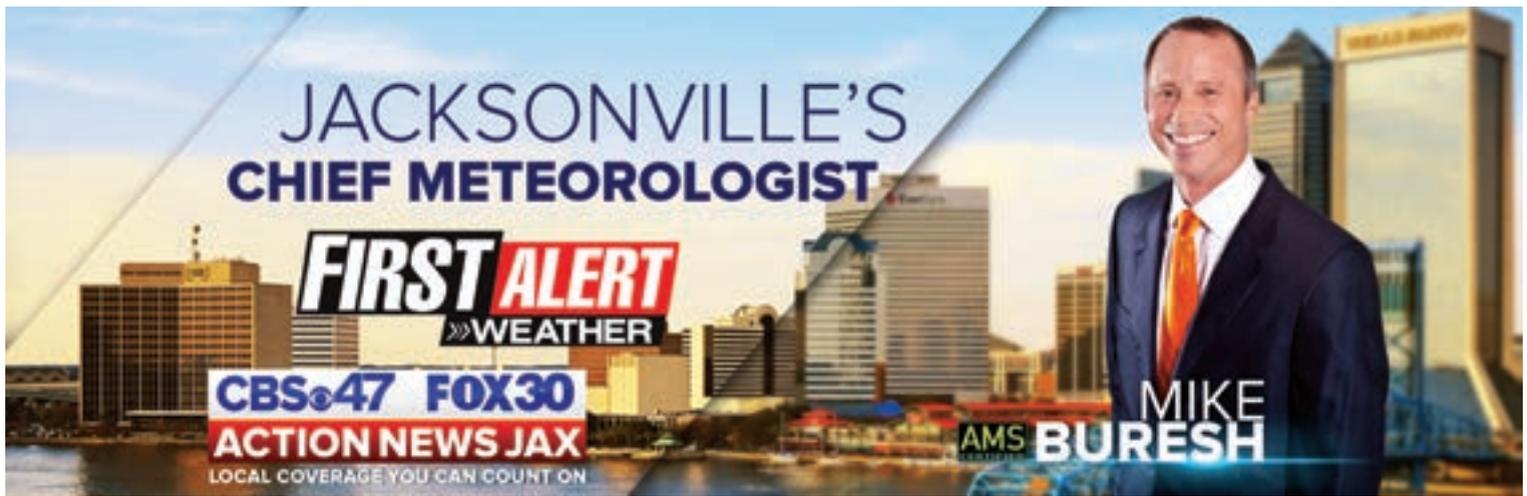
Tropical Depression: maximum sustained wind speed of 38 mph

Tropical Storm: maximum sustained wind speeds of 39 to 73 mph

Hurricane: winds 74 mph and above

Hurricane Watch: hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours in or near the watch area

Hurricane Warning: hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours in or near the warning area



AVERAGE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURE (IN FAHRENHEIT)		
Sept. 2014:	High: 85.6	Low: 69.8
Oct. 2014:	High: 81.8	Low: 57.4
Nov. 2014:	High: 68.9	Low: 45.2
Dec. 2014:	High: 69.1	Low: 47.2
Jan. 2015:	High: 64.2	Low: 42.7
Feb. 2015:	High: 62.7	Low: 40.0
March 2015:	High: 76.5	Low: 54.1
April 2015:	High: 81.9	Low: 62.4
May 2015:	High: 85.7	Low: 63.5
June 2015:	High: 91.3	Low: 70.1
July 2015:	High: 92.8	Low: 72.5
Aug. 2015:	High: 90.1	Low: 72.4

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF RAIN (IN INCHES)	
Sept. 2014:	9.80
Oct. 2014:	1.87
Nov. 2014:	3.96
Dec. 2014:	3.74
Jan. 2015:	3.08
Feb. 2015:	3.32
March 2015:	2.29
April 2015:	2.67
May 2015:	1.08
June 2015:	6.32
July 2015:	3.79
Aug. 2015:	8.65

FACTS & FIGURES

Hurricane Categories:

When it comes to determining the category of a hurricane, meteorologists use the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale. Keep in mind that this categorization scale does not determine other hurricane-related impacts such as storm surge, rainfall-induced floods or tornadoes. It does, however, help gauge the safety measures that must be taken to prepare before the hurricane makes landfall.

- 1: minimal; 74 to 95 mph winds
- 2: moderate; 96 to 110 mph winds
- 3: extensive; 111 to 129 mph winds
- 4: extreme; 130 to 156 mph winds
- 5: catastrophic; 157 mph and higher winds

Storm Preparations

Most natural disasters happen with little or no warning. Being prepared with emergency supplies and having a plan can help reduce the physical and emotional impact in the wake of a storm. Just as you prepare for your family, Northeast Florida counties provide an emergency management system to help the community.

Emergency Management

Baker County	259-6111
Clay County	284-7703
Duval County	255-3110
Nassau County	548-0900
St. Johns County	824-5550

Before a storm develops, it is important to have a plan in place. Assemble a disaster supply kit and keep it in a place that can be easily accessed in case of evacuation. Make sure that all members of your family know where the kit is stored. In the event of an evacuation, have enough food and water for at least three days and have fuel in your car's gas tank.

Highways and roads may be closed during evacuation, so plan out multiple travel routes. Make sure you stay informed during the storm. A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio provides comprehensive 24-hour weather forecasts. The City of

Jacksonville's website has a detailed map of storm surge zones and evacuation routes, if needed. Call the City of Jacksonville's Central Operations Department at 630-2489 or visit www.coj.net for more information.

Protect your home by boarding up windows and glass doors or installing hurricane shelters. Check your yard for any loose objects such as patio furniture, plants, toys and lawn tools. Any objects that are outdoors and not secured may fly away in high winds.

Call your local emergency management or planning/zoning office to find out if you live in a potential flood zone. If so, consider stocking up on sand bags to keep water out of your home.

LIGHTNING

Lightning is a major threat during a thunderstorm. Its unpredictability increases the risk to individuals and property. In a severe thunderstorm, it is best to be inside a sturdy building. When indoors, do not handle any electrical equipment because lightning can follow a wire. Also avoid bathtubs, sinks and faucets with metal pipes. If caught outdoors and no structure is available, avoid open areas that have trees, towers, power or telephone lines, and metal objects such as wire fences, bicycles or golf clubs. If in a car, pull onto the shoulder of a road, away from any trees that may fall on the vehicle and avoid any flooded roadways.

TORNADOES

Northeast Florida's tornadoes are not typically as powerful as the ones in the Midwest, but can still cause significant damage. Tornadoes can reach 300 mph with an average forward speed of 30 mph. Watch the skies and stay tuned to weather radio or television for information. If a tornado warning occurs, take shelter immediately. When inside a building or home, stay inside a smaller inner room with no windows such as a bathroom or closet. Crouch low on the floor and cover your head with your hands. Tornadoes can develop rapidly, so advanced warning isn't always possible. Always be aware of severe weather in your area.

Weather Words to Remember:

Tornado Watch: tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area

Tornado Warning: tornado sighted or indicated on radar

Waterspout: tornado that forms over warm water



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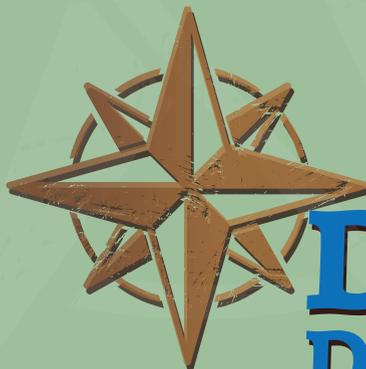
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E D U C A T I O N

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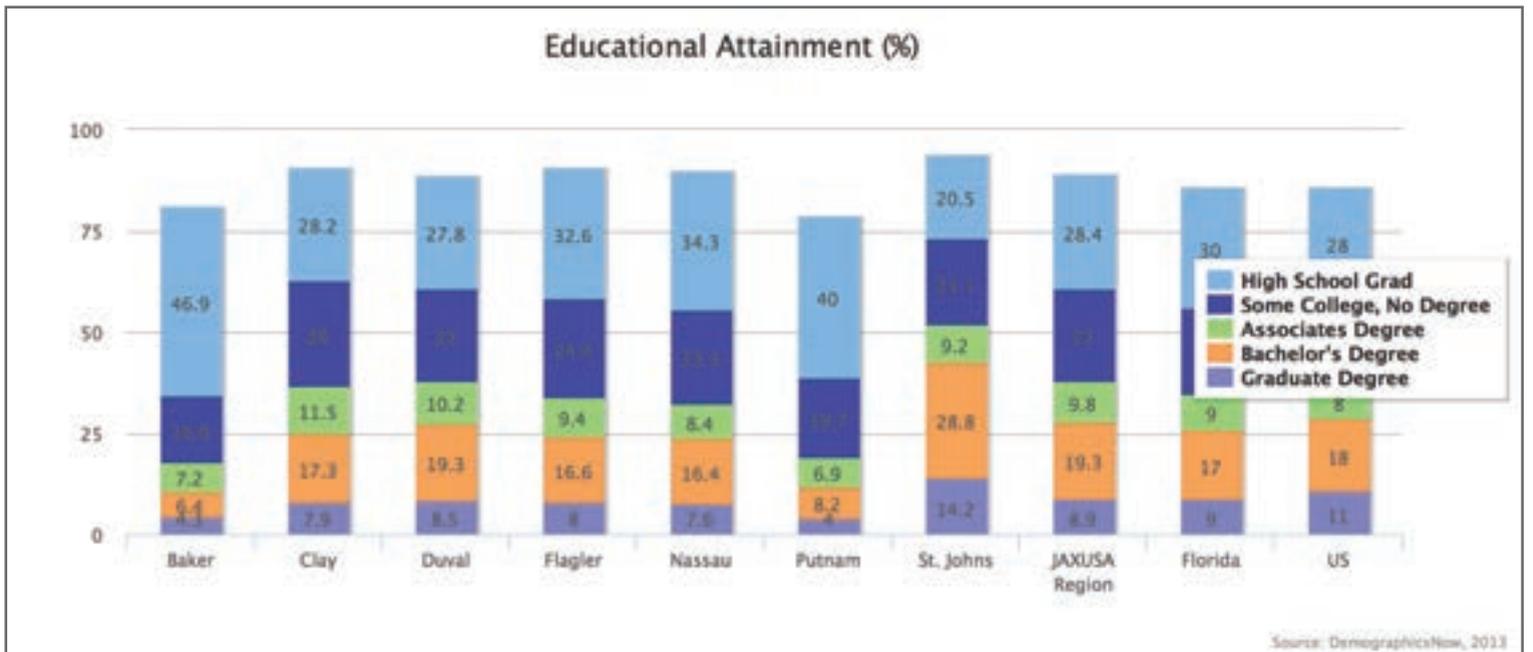
thanks in part to the number of award-winning schools located on the First Coast, choosing one where your child will succeed is quite simple. Our public school systems are dedicated to providing students a solid education in a safe learning environment. Additionally, some counties offer the choice of a magnet, charter or alternative school, allowing children to learn in the best environment possible. There is also an array of outstanding private schools throughout the First Coast. For home-schooled students, there are several organizations in the state to support parent educators.

REGISTRATION & IMMUNIZATION

To enroll a student in a Florida public school, a few requirements must be fulfilled. Florida law specifies that children who have turned 5 on or before Sept. 1 of the school year are eligible for admission to public kindergarten during that school year based on rules provided by the school board.

All children age 6, or who will turn 6 by Feb. 1 of any school year, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term. Although Florida law does not provide a specific age requirement for enrollment to public first grade, it dictates that first grade enrollment be limited to students who turn 6 on or before Sept. 1, and who have successfully completed kindergarten; and out-of-state students who turn 6 years old after Sept. 1 who meet the age requirement for public kindergarten admission from the transferring state, and who have successfully completed kindergarten.

When a student turns 16, they are no longer required to attend school if they file the required formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the school district, and the declaration is signed by a parent or legal guardian.



When registering your child for school, you will need:

- Proof of age, including a certified birth certificate or other acceptable documentation
- A Florida Certificate of Immunization, Form 680 (blue card)
- Evidence of a medical exam completed no less than 12 months prior to the child's school entry date
- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) is a legal resident(s) of the school district attendance area

If a student is transferring from an out-of-state public or nonpublic school, the parents must provide the following data to the school district prior to admission:

- Official documentation that the parent(s) or guardian(s) was a legal resident of the state in which the child was previously enrolled in school
- An official letter or transcript from proper school authority that shows record of attendance, academic information, and grade placement of the student
- Evidence of immunization against communicable diseases
- Evidence of a medical examination completed within the last 12 months

The Florida Certificate of Immunization needs to be completed by a Florida physician or a Florida county health department. County health departments generally offer free immunizations to those unable to afford them through a private physician. Exemptions may be provided for medical or religious reasons.

The immunizations required are at least:

- Four doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP or DTaP) vaccine
- Three doses of polio (IPV or OPV) vaccine
- Two doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Two doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- Two doses of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
- The Haemophilus influenza type b (HIB) vaccine (for Pre-K entry)

Note: Before entering seventh grade, your child must get a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

County Health Departments

Baker County	259-6291
Clay County.....	272-3177
Duval County (Immunization Center)	253-1420
Nassau County.....	548-1800
St. Johns County.....	209-3250





FLORIDA STANDARDS ASSESSMENTS

Since the spring of 2015, the Florida Department of Education has been using new Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) to replace the FCAT 2.0. The FSA in English Language Arts and in Mathematics serve to measure the progress and educational gains in students. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the Statewide Science Assessment.

The Florida End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments are part of Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) Strategic Plan for the purpose of increasing student achievement and improving college and career readiness. EOC Assessments are computer-based, criterion-referenced assessments that measure the NGSSS for specific courses, as outlined in their course descriptions. These assessments are offered for Biology 1, Civics and U.S. History.

To learn more about Florida's assessment program, please visit www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments. To view the information organized by subject and grade level, visit www.cpalms.org.

HOME EDUCATION

Home schooling is a parent-directed education program that allows a child to learn at their own pace in the comfort of their home. Parents who home-school must comply with all the state statutes and regulations. Florida Statute 1002.41 requires that the district school superintendent is informed in writing that a child will be home-schooled 30 days prior to the intended start date. A parent must also keep a portfolio of records and materials, and provide an annual educational evaluation.

For more information, visit the website of the Florida Parent-Educators Association, www.fpea.com or call 877-ASK-FPEA.

MONTESSORI

The First Coast offers a selection of schools that provide Montessori education. This approach to learning encourages independence and freedom of choice within approved limits. The Montessori method moves alongside a child's natural development, with regards to social and psychological growth. Children are offered a hands-on style to education, and teachers must be specially trained in Montessori programs.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools have been an option in Florida's public education for more than a decade. These schools are publicly funded and were created to give parents and students more education choices. Some charter schools include themed learning approaches focusing on areas such as arts, sciences and technologies. Other charter schools provide services to special populations, such as students at risk of academic failure or students with disabilities.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of a charter school, please email charterschools@fldoe.org.

CHOICES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

There are a variety of postsecondary educational institutions located here on the First Coast. The following gives you a more detailed look at each of them.

Agricultural, Technical and Specialized Colleges

Colleges focus on preparing students for specific careers in fields such as business, computer technology, cosmetology and seminary. They offer associate degrees, technical diplomas, apprenticeships and certificate programs. Some colleges even offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in certain vocational programs.

Private Colleges and Universities

Private colleges and universities tend to be more expensive than public institutions due to their reliance on tuition, fees, endowments and other private sources for funding. Unlike public colleges and universities, private institutions are smaller and may offer a more personalized education. These institutions also have selective criteria for their admissions.

Public/State Colleges and Universities

Public/state colleges and universities are less expensive, particularly for in-state residents, than private institutions. This is because they get most of their funding from the state government. Similar to private institutions, most have selective criteria for their admissions. Public institutions tend to provide more courses than private colleges and universities due to their larger size. In 2009, the Florida legislature changed the Florida Community College System to the Florida College System. Currently, 16 colleges under this system changed their names to incorporate the word "state." These former community colleges now offer bachelor's degrees.





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RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY NURTURES *Academic Excellence*

Since 2007, River City Science Academy (RCSA) has been at the vanguard of Duval County charter schools, offering a private school atmosphere in a tuition-free public school setting.

Living up to its reputation for nurturing academic achievement by challenging students to excel, RCSA is the first Duval County charter school to receive an “A” grade and to be named a high-performing charter school by the Florida Department of Education.

Among RCSA’s many honors are full accreditation as a quality school by AdvancED (formerly the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) and recognition as a Florida service-learning leader school by Florida Learn & Serve.

Offering an innovative science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum focus, River City Science Academy serves about 1,600 students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with multiple Jacksonville campuses, slated to be joined for the 2016-17 academic year by a new campus in the Mandarin area.

Collaborative learning transcends classroom

“River City Science Academy provides an unrivaled, collaborative learning experience in a safe, secure, welcoming family environment,” says Dr. Dogan Tozoglu, RCSA’s executive director, who applies his

RCSA'S MISSION

To instill a love for learning in a structured and nurturing environment through engaging and stimulating learning opportunities.

RCSA'S VISION

- To ensure that students reach their maximum potential, be successful in their subsequent education, become responsible and productive citizens in a rapidly changing world.
- To apply innovative methods and interdisciplinary instruction to create a stimulating and student-centered learning environment.
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- To be a catalyst for change in math and science.
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River City Science Academy (RCSA) is a Tuition Free, Public, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) focus, Duval County Public Charter School located in Jacksonville. RCSA is an "A" school and recognized as High Performing Charter School by Florida Department of Education.






degree knowledge in educational psychology and learning systems from Florida State University, as well as program specialist experience in Florida's Leon County.

"With freedom and flexibility to be creative, RCSA's dedicated staff believes learning goes beyond classroom walls," Dr. Tozoglu adds, noting that faculty members lead a full spectrum of extracurricular activities (from sports to drama to television production to robotics), student trips as far as Washington and New York, and participation in numerous local, state and regional academic competitions.

For example, RCSA student teams have taken top honors in state and regional Science Olympiads (most recently as champion among all Florida elementary schools), also hosting such competitions plus the region's annual STEM & Health Expo. In addition, RCSA has produced winners in Academic WorldQuest, Math League, Math Counts and History Fair events.

Activities of the RCSA Community Service Club include annual participation in the PeaceJam conference on the Florida State University campus, featuring interaction with Nobel Prize laureates.

As a key participant in the newly formed Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub, River City Science Academy is accelerating growth of leading-edge initiatives and encouraging students throughout the

region to choose STEM-oriented career paths.

RCSA students prepare for college and beyond

RCSA is committed to preparing its students for college and to become tomorrow's leaders in the world.

Beginning in sixth grade, students are eligible to take part in the RCSA's college mentorship program (CMP), which matches them with mentors who assist them in navigating a path toward the college of their choice.

Opportunities to earn college credits while at RCSA are available through Advance Placement (AP) classes and via a dual enrollment program with Florida State College at Jacksonville.

With a graduation rate of nearly 90 percent, RCSA is pleased that many of its students receive college scholarships while gaining admission to some of the nation's most prestigious universities.

Application for enrollment at RCSA is open to all Duval County residents. Application may be made via the www.RiverCityScience.org website, which also provides details on school tours. Prospective students may even "shadow" current students throughout a typical school day. Parents may call 904-855-8010 to schedule a campus tour.



**River City Science Academy
Elementary School**
 7555 Beach Blvd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32216
 (904) 855-8010
www.RiverCityScience.org/elementary

**River City Science Academy
Middle and High School**
 7565 Beach Blvd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32216
 (904) 855-8010
www.RiverCityScience.org/middle_high

RCSA Innovation Campus
 8313 Baycenter Rd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32216
 (904) 647-5110
www.RiverCityScience.org/innovation

RCSA Mandarin Area Campus
(scheduled to open for 2016-17 school year)
 10911 Old St. Augustine Rd.
 Jacksonville, FL 32257
www.RiverCityScience.org/mandarin

EDUCATION

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County School District

Superintendent: Sherrie Raulerson
 392 South Blvd. E.
 Macclenny, FL 32063 259-0401
 www.baker.k12.fl.us

Baker County provides education to its residents with a Pre-K/ kindergarten center, two elementary schools, one intermediate school (fourth and fifth grades), one middle school and one high school. There is also a Family Service Center located at J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate School that offers a number of services for students and families. The Baker County Adult Education Center located on Minnesota Avenue has art and computer classes, academic instruction toward completing a high school education and college classes through distance learning. The Baker County School Board meets every first and third Monday at the District School Board Room, unless otherwise noted.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Career and Adult Education 259-0403
 Exceptional Student Education 259-7825
 Family Service Center 259-7871
 Nutritional Services 259-4330
 Transportation Department 259-2444

EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Some Florida schools offer extended day programs to accommodate students who need care past regular school hours. In Baker County, Macclenny and Westside Elementary schools offer extended day programs. Macclenny Elementary also has an after-school tutoring program. In addition, the J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate School provides programs before and after school in its Family Service Center for students. For more information on extended day enrichment programs, please call 259-2315.

HOME EDUCATION

For home schooling support in Baker County, contact the Florida Parent-Educators Association at office@fpea.com or 877-275-3732.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

United Christian Academy 259-1199

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

J. Franklyn Keller Intermediate 259-4244
 Macclenny Elementary 259-2551
 Westside Elementary 259-2216

Middle Schools

Baker County Middle 259-2226

High Schools

Baker County High 259-6286

CLAY COUNTY

Clay County School District

Superintendent: Charlie Van Zant, Jr.
 900 Walnut St.
 Green Cove Springs, FL 32043 284-6500
 272-8100 (Orange Park/Middleburg)
 888-663-2529 (Keystone Heights)
 www.oneclay.net

Clay County public schools have an excellent reputation for academic achievement. Students continually score above state and national levels on the ACT in the district's 45 schools. Those schools consist of 26 elementary schools, six junior high schools, seven high schools, three charter schools, two alternative learning centers and one virtual school.

The Clay County School Board meets on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, at 7 p.m. at the Teacher In-Service Center on the Fleming Island High School campus, 2233 Village Square Pkwy., Orange Park.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Adult and Community Education 272-8170
 Exceptional Student Education 284-6509
 Facility Planning and Construction 529-4966
 Maintenance 284-6522
 Operations 284-6524
 School Food Services 284-6521
 Transportation Department 284-6523

EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Care is offered for students at all elementary schools before and after school for a fee. The YMCA provides the service, known as "PrYme Time." Check with your child's individual school for details or call the YMCA at 272-4304.

HOME EDUCATION

For information on home schooling enrollment in Clay County, visit www.claycountyhomeschool.weebly.com or email hscinfo@oneclay.net.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Annunciation Catholic School 282-0504
www.annunciationcatholicsschool.org
 Berean Christian Academy 773-8404
www.thebereanbaptistchurch.com
 Black Creek Christian School 282-4033
www.blackcreekchristianschool.com
 Big Oak Montessori of Orange Park 269-7377
www.albertseducationcenter.com
 Broach School, The 298-3500
www.broachschoool.com
 Calvary Christian Academy 282-0407
www.calvarycares.net/CBC/Academy.html





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www.christianhomeacademy.info	
Citizen's High School	276-1700
www.citizenshighschool.com	
Congregational Holiness Church School	529-1798
Crossroads School	625-6141
www.crossroadsschools.com	
Faith Christian Academy	276-1300
www.fcaflorida.com	
Grace Episcopal Day School	269-3718
www.geds.net	
Heritage Christian Academy	269-2405
www.hcafi.org	
HighPoint Christian Academy	272-7949
www.highpointchristianacademy.net	
Keystone Christian Academy, Inc.....	352-639-0684
www.keystonechristianacademy.org	
Madeira Christian Academy	291-1875
www.madeirachristianacademy.com	
Mound Street Christian Academy	269-7248
www.msca.academy.com	
Pinewood Christian Academy	272-6408
www.pcaknights.org	
Russell Christian Academy	531-5058
www.russellchurch.com	
Seven Bridges School	269-7377
www.albertseducationcenter.com	
St. Johns Country Day School.....	347-2915
www.jax.sjcds.net	

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Argyle	573-2357
Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Charles E. Bennett.....	529-2126
Clay Hill	289-7193
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Coppergate	291-5594
Doctors Inlet	213-3000
Fleming Island	278-2020

Grove Park	278-2010
Keystone Heights	352-473-4844
Lake Asbury	291-5440
Lakeside.....	213-2966
McRae.....	352-473-5686
Middleburg	291-5485
Montclair	278-2030
Oakleaf Village	291-5458
Orange Park	278-2040
Paterson.....	278-2078
Plantation Oaks	214-7474
RideOut.....	291-5430
Ridgeview.....	213-2952
S. Bryan Jennings	213-3021
Shadowlawn.....	213-2036
Swimming Pen Creek	278-5707
Thunderbolt.....	278-5630
Tynes.....	291-5400
W.E. Cherry	278-2050
Wilkinson.....	291-5420

Junior High Schools

Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Green Cove Springs	529-2140
Keystone Heights	352-473-2761
Lake Asbury	291-5582
Lakeside.....	213-1800
Oakleaf.....	213-5500
Orange Park.....	278-2000
Wilkinson.....	291-5500

High Schools

Bannerman Learning Center.....	529-2100
Clay	529-3000
Clay Virtual Academy.....	529-4804
Fleming Island	541-2100
Keystone Heights	352-473-2761
Middleburg	213-2100
Oakleaf.....	213-1900
Orange Park.....	272-8110
Ridgeview.....	213-5203

PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Center Academy.....	276-3552
www.centeracademy.com	
Individualized Education Services, Inc.....	269-7377
www.albertseducationcenter.com	
Lighthouse Christian School	
Middleburg	406-4866
Orange Park	272-2524
www.lighthousechristianschool.net	
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Berean Baptist College	259-6635
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Everest University	264-9122
www.everest.edu	
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www.fortis.edu	

PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

St. Johns River State College	276-6800
www.sjrstate.edu	

DUVAL COUNTY

Duval County Public Schools

Superintendent: Nikolai P. Vitti, Ed.D.
 1701 Prudential Dr.
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 390-2000
 www.duvalschools.org

The schools in Duval County strive to provide the best possible education for their students. Duval County's public schools serve approximately 125,000 students at 103 elementary, two K-8, 24 middle, two middle-senior and 19 high schools. There are additional options including exceptional student centers, alternative schools, a virtual academy and several charter schools. The school district is divided into four regions to effectively manage the 195 schools in the district.

School Board Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at 1701 Prudential Dr. in the first floor boardroom, unless otherwise indicated.

DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' REGIONS

High School Region

Region Superintendent: Corey Wright
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-5307

Middle School Region

Region Superintendent: Anthony Anderson
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-5307

Elementary Region 1

Region Superintendent: Judith Bays
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-5305

Elementary Region 2

Region Superintendent: Michele Floyd-Hatcher
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-5305

Elementary Region 3

Region Superintendent: Sheree Cagle
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr., Bldg. B, Ste. 110
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-5306

DTO Region

Region Superintendent: Iranetta Wright
 1701 Prudential Dr.
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 390-2675

Magnet/School Choice Region

Assistant Superintendent: Pearl Roziers
 1701 Prudential Dr.
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 390-2438

Exceptional Centers

Executive Director: Mason Davis
 4037 Boulevard Center Dr.
 Jacksonville, FL 32207 348-7800

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Communications	390-2126
Community Education	858-6080
Curriculum and Instruction	390-2377
Exceptional Education and Student Services	348-7800
Food Service	732-5148
Transportation Department	858-6200

MAGNET PROGRAMS

With one of the nation's most successful magnet school programs, Duval County offers students an innovative form of public schooling. While students receive standard education, they are also invited to explore a special interest they may have, such as culinary arts or engineering. Admission is by application only and is available online. Magnet applications for students not currently enrolled in a Duval County public school are available in the Magnet Programs Office, located in the Duval County School Board building. Call 390-2082 for additional information and application deadlines, or visit www.duvalchoice.com.



EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

For the convenience of working parents, several elementary schools in the district offer safe, affordable care for students before and after school. The program provides educational enrichment, academic enhancement, recreational activities and tutoring. Hours of operation are from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Parents prepay monthly fees, with morning fees of \$52 per month, and \$100 per month for afternoon care.

HOME EDUCATION

For information on home schooling in Duval County, please contact Gloria R. Lockley at 390-2477, or at lockleyg@duvalschools.org.

DUVAL – BEACHES

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Beaches Chapel School 241-4211 www.beacheschapelschool.com	Montessori Tides School 241-1139 www.montessoritides.com
Beaches Episcopal School 246-2466 www.beacheseπισcopschool.org	New Leaf, School for Change 246-9100 www.newleafschool.com
Beaches School, The 249-0905 www.thebeachesschool.com	Noble School, The 309-2154 www.nobleschooljax.org
Discovery Montessori School 247-4577 www.dmsonline.org	Providence School 223-5270 www.prov.org
Foundation Academy, The 493-7300 www.foundationacademy.com	St. Paul's Catholic School - Jacksonville Beach 249-5934 www.stpaulscatholicsschool.com

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

Area	Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
Beaches	Alimacani – 221-7101 2051 San Pablo Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32224	876	E, G, O, S	A, H, M, MP, P	Gifted, Talented and Leadership
Beaches	Atlantic Beach – 247-5924 298 Sherry Dr., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	462	E, O, R, S, V	A, H, M, MP, ORC, P, R, T	Academy - Accelerated Learning & Leadership
Beaches	Axson, J. Allen – 992-3600 4763 Sutton Park Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32224	596	E, O	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Montessori, PreK (3-4 year olds, fee)
Beaches	Chets Creek – 992-6390 13200 Chets Creek Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32224	1,307	E, G	A, H, M, MP, P	Academic and Arts Leadership
Beaches	Finegan, Joseph – 247-5996 555 Wonderwood Dr., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	412	H, O, M, S, V	A, H, M, MP, P, T	Integrating the Arts
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	Alternative Education
Beaches	Jacksonville Beach – 247-5942 315 S. 10th St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32205	609	E, G, O, S	A, C, H, M, MP, MT, P	Magnet - Gifted & Academically Talented
Beaches	Mayport – 247-5988 2753 Shangri-La Dr., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	444	CAP, E, O, V	A, H, M, P, R	Magnet - Coastal Sciences
Beaches	Neptune Beach – 247-5954 1515 Florida Blvd., Neptune Beach, FL 32266	939	E, H, M, O, S, V	A, C, H, M, P	Leadership and Academically Talented
Beaches	San Pablo – 247-5947 801 N. 18th Ave., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	520	E, S	A, D, H, M, P	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science (Concentrating on Health & Fitness)
Beaches	Seabreeze – 247-5900 1400 Seabreeze Ave., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250	580	CAP, E, G, O, S	A, H, M, P, R	Academy of Arts and Sciences

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - JUNIOR HIGH

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	Themes
Beaches	Fletcher, Duncan – 247-5929 2000 N. 3rd St., Jacksonville, FL 32250	1,280	S	A, B, F, H, M	Basic + PG	Gifted and Talented, Information and Communication Technology
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Beaches	Mayport Coastal Sciences – 247-5977 2600 Mayport Rd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	812	S	A, B, F, H, M, R, T	Basic + PG	Magnet - Coastal Sciences, AVID

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HIGH SCHOOL

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
Beaches	Fletcher, Duncan – 247-5905 700 Seagate Ave., Neptune Beach, FL 32266	2,162	ASL, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	NA	Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology, Digital Media (Web Development), Emerging Technology in Business, Law Studies, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
Beaches	Marine Science Center – 247-5973 1347 Palmer St., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	35	NA	NA	NA	NA	Alternative Education - Overage students, state only center led by qualified fisheries instructors



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DUVAL - NORTH

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Biscayne High School 301-4367
<http://biscaynehs.com>

Duval Charter School at Arlington 724-1536
www.duvalcharter.org

Global Outreach Charter Academy 551-7104
www.russiancharterschool.com

Lone Star High School 725-5998

Seacoast Charter Academy 562-4780
<http://seacoastcharteracademy.org>

Somerset Academy Eagle Campus 551-3292
www.somersetacademy-jacksonville.org

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Arlington Country Day School 762-0123
www.arlingtoncountrydayschoolfoundation.org

Arlington Kindergarten 743-4034
www.arlingtonkindergarten.com

Bethel Holiness Academy 781-5400

Chatman's Early Learning Christian Academy 751-9803

Christ The King Catholic School 724-2954
www.ctkcatholic.com

Faith Academy 714-0040

Grace Lutheran School 928-9136
www.gracelutheraneagles.org

Harvest Christian Academy 724-8223

Holy Spirit Catholic School 642-9165
www.hscatholicschool.com

Little Country School, The 757-8200
www.littlecountryschool.com

Parsons Christian Academy 745-4588

Promise Land Academy 268-2422
www.promiselandschools.org

Resurrection Parish Catholic School 744-1266
www.resurrectionschooljax.com

St. Patrick's Catholic School 768-6323
www.stpatrickscatholicsschool.org

Victory Christian Academy 764-7781
www.vcasoldiers.com

PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Greenwood School 726-5000
www.greenwoodjax.org

Jericho School, The 744-5110
www.thejerichoschool.org

Lighthouse Christian School - Arlington 642-4043
www.lighthousechristianschool.net

HIGHER EDUCATION

Dade Medical College 345-5678
www.dademedical.edu

Florida State College at Jacksonville - North Campus 766-6500
www.fscj.edu

Jones College 743-1122
Main Campus 800-673-2745
www.jones.edu

Truth Bible Institute of GPCD 647-5763
www.truthbibleinstitute-gpcd.com

Zoe University 743-6166
www.zoeuniversity.org

PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Jacksonville University 256-7811
www.ju.edu

PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Florida State College at Jacksonville - North Campus 766-6500
www.fscj.edu

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

Area	Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
North	Abess Park – 220-1260 12731 Abess Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225	855	E, G, H, M, S, V	A, C, H, M, P	Arts at the Park - Infusing Arts with Academics
North	Arlington – 745-4900 1201 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32211	282	E	A, F, H, M, MP, P	Critical Thinking through the Arts
North	Arlington Heights – 745-4923 1520 Sprinkle Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32211	414	CAP, I O, V	A, H, M, P	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
North	Biltmore – 693-7569 2101 W. Palm Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	354	G, I, M, O, S, U, V	A, H, M, P	Leadership Academy
North	Biscayne – 714-4650 12230 Biscayne Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	661	E, M, V	A, C, D, H, M, MP, P, S	Academy of Performing Arts
North	Brewer, Don – 745-4990 3385 Hartsfield Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	642	E, G, R, S	A, H, M, P	Acceleration in Mathematics
North	Carver, George W. – 924-3122 2854 W. 45th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	336	I, T, U, V	A, H, M, P	AVID - Foundational AVID Strategies Today
North	Daniels, R. V. – 630-6872 1951 W. 15th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	390	E, H, M, O, V	A, D, H, M, P, T	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
North	Dinsmore – 924-3126 7126 Civic Club Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32219	490	E, I, V	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science
North	Evans, Saint Clair Academy – 924-3035 5443 Moncrief Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	383	O, S, U, V	A, H, M, P	Science Academy
North	Ford, John E. PreK-8 – 630-6540 1137 Cleveland St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	626	CAP, E, M	A, C, D, F, H, M, MP, MT, P	Magnet - Montessori and Spanish Montessori
North	Fort Caroline – 745-4904 3925 Athore Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32277	656	E, I, O, V	A, C, F, H, M, MP, P, T	World Language (Spanish)
North	Garden City – 924-3130 2814 Dunn Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	479	C, CAP, E, G, I	A, C, H, M, MP, P, R	Environmental Sciences - Nature
North	Highlands – 696-8754 1000 dePaul Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32218	470	CAP, E, I, O, V	A, C, D, H, M, MP, P	Acceleration in Mathematics
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	Alternative Education
North	Hull, Samuel A. – 924-3136 7528 Hull St., Jacksonville, FL 32219	268	CAP, H, U, V	A, H, M, MP, P	Broadcasting/Production
North	Jefferson, Thomas – 693-7500 8233 Nevada St., Jacksonville, FL 32220	527	E, H, I, M, R, S, U, V	A, C, H, M, P	Magnet - Multiple Intelligence
North	King, Martin Luther – 924-3027 8801 Lake Placid Dr. E., Jacksonville, FL 32208	480	E, H, I, M, U, V	A, C, F, H, M, P	Magnet - Foreign Language, Arts, Math, Engineering
North	Kite, Henry F. – 924-3031 9430 Lem Turner Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32208	255	CAP	A, C, F, H, M, P	Magnet - International Studies
North	Lake Forest – 924-3024 901 Kennard St., Jacksonville, FL 32208	422	CAP, E, H, I, U, S, V	A, C, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, R	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
North	Lake Lucina – 745-4916 6527 Merrill Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	390	E, H, V	A, C, H, M, MP, P, R	Arts Academy
North	Livingston, S. P. – 630-6580 1128 Barber St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	439	H, I, O, U, V	A, H, M, P, S, T	Leadership, Technology and Acceleration
North	Lone Star – 565-2711 10400 Lone Star Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32225	556	E, H, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P, S, T	Magnet - Math, Science and Technology
North	Mathis, Sallye B. – 924-3086 3501 Winton Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	393	H, I, U, V	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Science, Technology, Pre-Engineering & Math
North	Merrill Road – 745-4919 8239 Merrill Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	645	E, H, O, V	A, C, F, H, M, P, S, T	Academy of Environmental Science
North	Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	NA	A, H, M, P	PreK-12 - Exceptional Student Center
North	New Berlin – 714-4601 3613 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32226	1,230	E, G, O, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P, T	Technology Academy
North	Oceanway – 696-8762 12555 Gillespie Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	603	E, G, I, V	A, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Academy of Science
North	Parkwood Heights – 720-1670 1709 Lansdowne Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32211	419	C, CAP, H, O, S	A, F, H, M, P, S	International Studies with Spanish Resource
North	Payne, Rufus E. – 924-3020 6725 Hema Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	295	H, I, U, V	A, C, F, H, M, MP, P	Magnet - Primary Years IB, Chinese, PITSCO STEM
North	Pearson, Rutledge H. – 924-3077 4346 Roanoke Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32208	282	I, O, U, V	A, C, H, M, P	K-6 Accelerated Academic Academy
North	Pine Estates – 696-8767 10741 Pine Estates Rd. E., Jacksonville, FL 32218	277	C, CAP, E, H, I, R, V	A, H, M, P	STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
North	Sabal Palm – 221-7169 1201 Kernan Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32225	991	E, H, O, R, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P	Arts Academy (Music)
North	San Mateo – 696-8750 600 Baisden Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	684	E, G, H	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Accelerated Academy of Learning

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

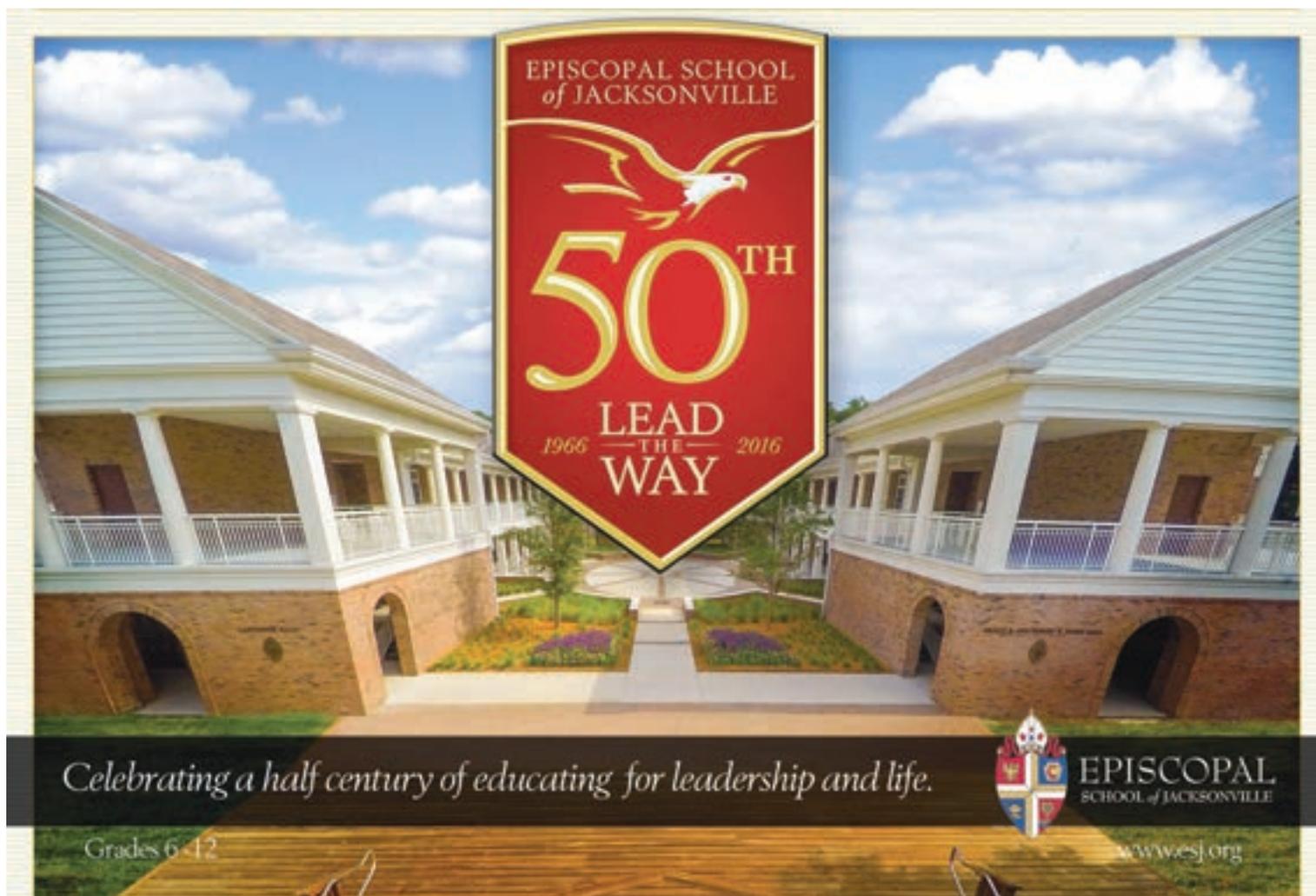
Area	Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
North	Sheffield, Louis – 696-8758 13333 Lanier Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32226	810	E, G, H, S	A, C, H, M, P, S, T	Academy of Life Science
North	Tillis, Sadie T. – 573-1090 6084 Morse Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32244	532	G, H, I, O, S, U	A, C, H, MMP, P	Academy of Math, Science and Technology
North	Tolbert, Susie E. – 630-6860 1925 W. 13th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	327	CAP, E, H, M, O	A, H, M, P, R	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
North	Woodland Acres – 720-1663 328 Bowlan St., Jacksonville, FL 32211	815	H, I, U, V	A, C, D, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Magnet - Medical Arts

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - JUNIOR HIGH

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	Themes
North	Arlington – 720-1680 8141 Lone Star Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211	815	S	A, H, M	Basic	Information Technology, Acceleration in Math, Pre-Early College
North	Butler, Eugene – 630-6900 900 Acorn St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	526	S	A, C, H, M, T	Basic	Young Men's & Women's Leadership Academy, PITSCO STEM
North	Ford, John E. PreK-8 – 630-6540 1137 Cleveland St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	626	S	A, F, H, M	PE	Magnet - Montessori and Spanish Montessori
North	Fort Caroline – 745-4927 3787 University Club Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32277	464	S	A, B, F, H, M, T	Basic	Magnet - Middle Years IB (Spanish), STEM, Technology, Information and Communications Technology, AVID
North	Highlands – 696-8771 10913 Pine Estates Rd. E., Jacksonville, FL 32218	842	S	A, B, C, F, H, M	Basic	Aviation and Military Science
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
North	Landmark – 221-7125 101 Kernan Blvd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32225	1,240	S	A, B, F, H, M	Basic + PG	Honors Academy, Information & Communications Technology, Pre-Early College
North	Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	NA	A, H, M	PE, Special Olympics	PreK-12, Transition Services - Exceptional Student Center
North	Northwestern – 924-3100 2100 W. 45th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	528	S	A, B, F, H, M	Basic	Cambridge Secondary 1, PITSCO STEM
North	Oceanway – 714-4680 143 Oceanway Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32218	1,127	S, F	A, B, C, F, H, M, MT, T	Basic + PG	Academy of Arts and Academic Acceleration, Pre-AP/Honors, Information and Communications Technology, Computer Applications in Business
North	Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center – 693-7516 1301 Palm Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	145	NA	A, H, M	PE, Special Olympics	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
North	Ribault, Jean – 924-3062 3610 Ribault Scenic Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	631	C	A, B, C, D, F, M	Basic	Magnet - Technology, Early High School (Math, Chinese, Science)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HIGH SCHOOL

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
North	First Coast – 757-0080 590 Duval Station Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218	2,105	F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, IL, IT, M, MP, P, S, T	Basic	USN	AP/Honors, Information Technology, Digital Media, Aerospace Technology, Emerging Technology in Business, Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle), Logistics - Food Truck
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
North	Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center – 693-7516 1301 Palm Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	145	NA	A, CP, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	NA	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
North	Parker, Terry – 720-1650 7301 Parker School Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211	1,717	F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic	USN	IB Diploma Program (Spanish/French), Culinary Arts, Academy-Coastal & Environmental Studies (ACES), Digital Video Production, Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle)
North	Paxon School for Advanced Studies – 693-7583 3239 Norman Thagard Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32254	1,492	F, L, S, C	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	USA	Magnet - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, AP/Honors
North	Raines, William M. – 924-3049 3663 Raines Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,022	C, S	A, B, C, CP, CG, CTE, L, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic	USN	Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology, Visual/Performing Arts (Dance), Culinary Arts - Food Truck, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)



DUVAL – SOUTH

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Duval Charter School at Baymeadows..... 638-7947
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www.mandarincharter.org
- Duval Charter School at Southside 423-5348
www.southsidecharter.org
- River City Science Academy 855-8010
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- San Jose Academy 425-1725
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- Alden Road Exceptional Student Center 565-2722

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- Assumption Catholic School 398-1774
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- Cornerstone Christian School 730-5500
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- Father's Harbor Academy 306-9579
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- Harvest Community School 997-1882
www.hcsjax.ning.com
- Holy Family Catholic School 645-9875
www.hfcatholicschool.com
- Impact Christian Academy..... 652-1441
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

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South	Bartram Springs – 260-5860 14799 Bartram Springs Pkwy., Jacksonville, FL 32258	898	E, G, H, O, R	A, D, H, M, MP, P	Academically Accelerated Individualized Model
South	Beauclerc – 739-5226 4555 Craven Rd. W., Jacksonville, FL 32257	965	CAP, E, O	A, B, C, F, H, M, P, R	Dual Language (Spanish)
South	Brookview – 565-2720 10450 Theresa Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32246	707	CAP, E, H, O	A, C, H, M, P	Arts and Early Middle School Academy
South	Crown Point – 260-5808 3800 Crown Point Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257	958	E, H, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P	Television Production
South	Duval Virtual Instruction Academy – 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431, Jacksonville, FL 32207	300	NA	A, F, H, M, P, T	K-12, Virtual Education
South	Englewood – 739-5280 4359 Spring Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	471	E, H, O, S	A, F, H, I, M, MP, P	Magnet - Academic Enrichment - Literacy and Technology
South	Greenfield – 739-5249 6343 Knights Ln. N., Jacksonville, FL 32216	515	E, G, O	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
South	Greenland Pines – 260-5450 5050 Greenland Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258	760	E, G, M, R, V	A, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Instrumental Arts
South	Hendricks Avenue – 346-5610 3400 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207	693	E, H, M, O, S	A, C, D, F, H, M, MT, P, R	French Academy
South	Hogan-Spring Glen – 720-1640 6736 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32216	331	CAP, E, G, I, V	A, H, M, P, ORC	International Studies with Global Understanding
South	Holiday Hill – 720-1676 6900 Altama Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216	721	E, H, I	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Gifted & Academically Talented/Leadership
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	Alternative Education
South	Kernan Trail – 220-1310 2281 Kernan Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32246	685	E, G, H	A, C, D, H, M, MP, P, R	STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
South	Kings Trail – 739-5254 7401 Old Kings Rd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32217	430	E, G, O, S	A, B, C, F, H, M, P	Elementary Leadership Academy
South	Loretto – 260-5800 3900 Loretto Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32223	1,062	E, H, S	A, C, H, M, MP, P, S	Magnet - Technology
South	Love Grove – 720-1645 2446 University Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32216	388	E, I, O	A, C, H, M, P, R	Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics
South	Mandarin Oaks – 260-5820 10600 Hornets Nest Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257	1,131	E, H, I, O, R	A, B, C, F, H, M, MT, P	Accelerated Learning Academy, Chinese
South	Pine Forest – 346-5600 3929 Grant Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	426	E, O, U	A, C, D, H, M, MT, ORC, P	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
South	San Jose – 739-5260 5805 St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	808	C, CAP, E, I, O, S, V	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Dual Language (Spanish)
South	Southside Estates – 565-2706 9775 Ivey Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	526	E, G, M, O, S, V	A, C, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Academic Enrichment - Science & Technology
South	Spring Park – 346-5640 2250 Spring Park Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	413	E, I, V	A, F, H, M, P	Magnet - IB Primary Years Program (Spanish)
South	Twin Lakes Academy – 538-0238 8000 Point Meadows Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32256	879	E, G, M, S, V	A, H, M, MP, P, S	Leadership and Technology Academy
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS - JUNIOR HIGH

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	Themes
South	Alden Road Exceptional Student Center – 565-2722 11780 Alden Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	186	NA	M	PE, Special Olympics	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
South	duPont, Alfred I. – 739-5200 2710 duPont Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32217	683	S, F	A, C, F, H, M, MT	Basic + PG	Computer Applications - Business, Dual Language (Spanish), Pre-Early College, International Business and World Language Academy
South	Duval Virtual Instruction Academy – 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431, Jacksonville, FL 32207	300	S	F, H, T	NA	K-12, Virtual Education
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
South	Kernan – 220-1350 2271 Kernan Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32246	1,158	S	A, B, F, H, M, MT	Basic + PG	Computer Applications - Business, Arts Academy, Pre-Early College, Information and Communications Technology
South	Landon – 346-5650 1819 Thacker Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32207	754	S	A, B, F, H, M, R, SP, T	Basic	Magnet - College Preparatory, Gifted & Academy
South	Mandarin – 292-0555 5100 Hood Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257	1,426	C, S	A, B, C, F, H, M, MT, T	Basic	Honors Academy, Computer Applications - Business, Information and Communications Technology, Journalism, TV Production, AVID
South	Southside – 739-5238 2948 Knights Ln. E., Jacksonville, FL 32216	729	S	A, B, F, H, M, MT	Basic + PG	Magnet - IB Middle Years Programme (Spanish), Pre-Early College, Technology Studies, PITSCO STEM
South	Twin Lakes Academy – 538-0825 8050 Point Meadows Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32256	1,171	S	A, B, C, F, H, M	Basic + PG	Pre AP/Honors, Information and Communications Technology, Pre-Early College, Computer Applications in Business, Introduction to Technology, CTE/STEM Lab

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HIGH SCHOOL

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
South	Alden Road Exceptional Student Center - 565-2722 11780 Alden Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	186	NA	A, CP, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	NA	Middle/High/Transition Services Exceptional Student Center
South	Anderson, Douglas School of the Arts - 346-5620 2445 San Diego Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	1,206	F, G, I, L, S	A, B, C, CP, D, F, G, H, M, MP, MT, ORC, O, P, S, T	PE	NA	Magnet - School of the Arts
South	Atlantic Coast - 538-5120 9735 R.G. Skinner Pkwy., Jacksonville, FL 32256	2,133	ASL, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MT, MP, MT, MU, P, T	Basic + L	NA	AP/Honors, Information Technology, Digital Media (Web Design, IT, Photography, TV Production), Commercial Art Technology
South	Duval Virtual Instruction Academy - 390-2037 1701 Prudential Dr., Ste. 431, Jacksonville, FL 32207	305	S, F, C	F, H, CP, T	NA	NA	K-12, Virtual Education
South	Englewood - 739-5212 4412 Barnes Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207	1,832	A, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MT, MP, P, S, T, VA	Basic	USA	Early College (AS, AA), Promo Enterprise, Journalism, TV Production, ESOL Newcomers, Building Construction, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry-Riddle and Edward Waters)
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
South	Mandarin - 260-3911 4831 Greenland Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32258	2,497	ASL, C, F, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	USN	Magnet - Cambridge Secondary 2/AICE, Information Technology (Web Development), Culinary Arts, Medical Studies - Food Truck, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HIGH SCHOOL

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
South	Sandalwood - 646-5100 2750 John Prom Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	2,814	ASL, F, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, L, M, MT, MU, MP, P, S, T	Basic + L	USAF	Early College, Applied Information Technology Career Academy, Culinary Arts, AVID, Military Science, and Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
South	Wolfson, Samuel W. - 739-5265 7000 Powers Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32217	1,121	F, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, H, L, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic	USAF	Magnet - Business/Finance/Law, IB Diploma, Vystar, Army JROTC, Information Technology, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

Area	Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
West	Bayview – 381-3920 3257 Lake Shore Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	366	E, H, O	A, D, H, M, P	Communications
West	Brentwood – 630-6630 3750 Springfield Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32206	332	H, I, O, S, V	A, D, H, M, MT, P	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
West	Brown, Richard L. – 630-6570 1535 Milnor St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	397	H, I, O, S, U, V	A, F, H, M, MP, P	Magnet - PITSCO STEM, IB, Science
West	Cedar Hills – 573-1050 6534 Ish Brant Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	489	C, CAP, H, I, V	A, H, M, P	AVID Strategies
West	Central Riverside – 381-7495 2555 Gilmore St., Jacksonville, FL 32204	371	C, CAP, E, O	A, H, L, M, MP, P	Magnet - Gifted and Academically Talented
West	Chaffee Trail – 693-7510 11400 Sam Caruso Way, Jacksonville, FL 32221	706	E, O	A, H, M, P	Information Technology - Communications
West	Chimney Lakes – 573-1100 9353 Staples Mill Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32244	1,135	E, G, O	A, C, H, M, P	Magnet - International Studies
West	Crystal Springs – 693-7645 1200 Hammond Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32221	1,099	E, H, O, M, S, V	A, H, M, MP, P, S	FUNDamental Academy - Business
West	Enterprise Learning Academy – 573-3260 8085 Old Middleburg Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32222	818	E, H, I, M, R, S, V	A, H, M, P	Project Based Technology (Digital Media)
West	Fishweir – 81-3910 3977 Herschel St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	434	E, G, H, S	A, B, C, D, H, M, MTP, ORC	Magnet - Visual and Performing Arts
West	GRASP Academy – 630-6570 1535 Milnor St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	217	H, M	A, H, M, MP, P, T	Academy - Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia
West	Gregory Drive – 573-1190 7800 Gregory Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210	809	E, M	A, H, M, P, T	Academy of Math, Science and Technology
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	Alternative Education
West	Hyde Grove – 693-7562 2056 Lane Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32210	526	R, U, V	A, H, M, MP, P	STEM
West	Hyde Park – 381-3950 5300 Park St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	437	C, CAP, E, I, O, V	A, H, M, P	Leadership Academy
West	Jackson, Stonewall – 573-1020 6127 Cedar Hills Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	300	E, H, I	A, H, M, P	Academy of Science Acceleration
West	Jacksonville Heights – 573-1120 7750 Tempest St. S., Jacksonville, FL 32244	564	CAP, E, G, H, I	A, C, D, H, M, MP, P, T	Technology Academy
West	Jones, Mamie Agnes – 266-1214 700 Orange Ave., Baldwin, FL 32234	439	E	A, H, M, MP, P, S, T	Leadership Academy
West	Long Branch – 630-6620 3723 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	234	O, U, V	A, D, H, M, P	Visual Arts/Technology
West	Love, John – 630-6790 1531 Winthrop St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	228	H, U, V	A, H, M, P	Leadership Development
West	Morgan, Annie R. – 381-3970 964 Saint Clair St., Jacksonville, FL 32254	409	H, I, O, U, V	A, H, M, MP, P	Leadership and Performing Arts
West	Normandy Village – 693-7548 8257 Herlong Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	403	H, I, V	A, H, M, P, R	Leadership Academy
West	North Shore – 924-3081 5701 Silver Plaza, Jacksonville, FL 32208	690	G, H, I, S, U, V	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Academic Enrichment through Science (Health, Nutrition, Fitness)
West	Oak Hill – 573-1030 6910 Daughtry Blvd. S., Jacksonville, FL 32210	508	E, I, O, U, V	A, C, H, M, P	Project Based Technology (Emerging Technology)
West	Ortega – 381-7460 4010 Baltic St., Jacksonville, FL 32210	390	E	A, C, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Magnet - Museum Studies
West	Pickett – 693-7555 6305 Old Kings Rd. N., Jacksonville, FL 32254	220	H, O, U, V	A, H, M, P	K-6 Leadership & Character Education Academy
West	Pinedale – 381-7490 4229 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32254	385	H, I, S, T, U, V	A, C, H, M, P, R	Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math
West	Ramona Boulevard – 693-7576 5540 Ramona Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32205	429	E, I, O, V	A, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Leadership in Logistics
West	Reynolds Lane – 381-3960 840 Reynolds Ln., Jacksonville, FL 32254	241	I, O, S, U, V	A, C, D, F, H, M, MT, P, S	World Language (Spanish)
West	Robinson, Andrew A. – 630-6550 101 W. 12th St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	622	E, G, H, I, M, O, S, U, V	A, C, H, M, P	Magnet - Math, Science and Pre-Engineering
West	Stockton, John N. C. – 381-3955 4827 Carlisle Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	559	E, H	A, H, M, MP, P	Math, Science and Technology
West	Timucuan – 573-1130 5429 110th St., Jacksonville, FL 32244	581	E, G, H, I, V	A, C, H, M, P	Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Leadership
West	Upson, Ruth N. – 381-7485 1090 Dancy St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	451	CAP, E, G, I, O, V	A, D, H, M, MP, P, R, S, T	Arts and Digital Media
West	Venetia – 381-3990 4300 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	405	E, I, O	A, H, M, MP, P, S	Leadership Academy

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ELEMENTARY

Area	Name	Enrollment	Before/After School Programs	Fine Arts & Clubs	Themes
West	West Jacksonville – 630-6592 2115 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	257	H, O, R, S, U, V	A, C, H, M, P	Leadership, Technology and Acceleration
West	West Riverside – 381-3900 2801 Herschel St., Jacksonville, FL 32205	289	E, H, I, O, R, V	A, F, H, M, P	Magnet - Dual Language (Spanish)
West	Westview K-8 – 573-1082 5270 Connie Jean Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,217	E, G, H, I, M, S, U, V	A, B, H, M, P	Environmental Studies and Culinary Gardening, Cambridge Secondary I
West	Whitehouse – 693-7542 11160 General Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32220	515	E, H, I, M, V	A, C, H, M, MP, P, R, T	Academy of Science
West	Windy Hill – 565-2700 3831 Forest Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32246	629	E, H, I, M, D, V	A, H, M, MP, P	Magnet - Leadership Through Project-Based Technology
West	Woodson, Carter G. – 924-3004 2334 Butler Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32209	501	H, I, M, O, U, V	A, H, M, P	Magnet - Medical Arts

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - JUNIOR HIGH

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	Themes
West	Baldwin Middle - High School – 266-1200 291 Mill St. W., Baldwin, FL 32234	1,138	S	A, B, C, H, M, MT	Basic	Pre-Honors, EXCITE, Information Technology
West	Darnell-Cookman – 630-6805 1701 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,164	L, S	A, C, D, F, H, M, S	Basic	Magnet - School of Medical Arts
West	Davis, Jefferson – 573-1060 7050 Melvin Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	932	S	A, B, C, D, H, M	Basic	Cambridge Secondary 1, AVID, Pre-Early College, PITSCO STEM
West	Gilbert, Matthew – 630-6700 1424 Franklin St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	482	S	A, C, F, H, M, T	Basic	Magnet - Middle Years Exploration, PITSCO STEM, Technology
West	Grand Park Career Center – 630-6894 2335 W. 18th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	165	NA	NA	PE	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
West	James Weldon Johnson Academic & Career Training Center – 630-6640 1840 W. 9th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	TBD	NA	A, CAP, H, M	PE	Alternative Education - College and Career Ready
West	Johnson, James Weldon – 693-7600 3276 Norman Thagard Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32254	1,018	C, F, S	A, B, F, H, M	Basic	Magnet - Gifted and Academy College Preparatory
West	Kirby-Smith – 630-6600 2034 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	893	S	A, F, H, R, T	Basic	Magnet - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
West	Lake Shore – 381-7440 2519 Bayview Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,146	S	A, B, D, F, H, M, MT	Basic	Magnet - IB Middle Years Programme (Spanish), Pre-Early College, Technology, AVID
West	LaVilla School of the Arts – 633-6069 501 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32202	1,086	NA	A, B, C, H, M, MT, O, ORC	PE	Magnet - School of the Arts
West	Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center – 630-6782 1514 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	102	NA	NA	NA	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
West	School for the Future/Bridge to Success – 354-7799 1824 N. Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	TBD	NA	NA	NA	Alternative Education - Overage Students
West	Stilwell, Joseph – 693-7523 7840 Burma Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32221	813	S	A, C, F, H, M	Basic + PG	Magnet - Military Academy, PITSCO STEM
West	Stuart, J.E.B. – 573-1000 4815 Wesconnett Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	600	S	A, B, C, F, H, M, MT	Basic	Technology, Early High School (Math, Chinese, Science), Pre-Early College
West	Westview K-8 – 573-1082 5270 Connie Jean Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,217	S	A, B, C, F, H, M	PE	Environmental Studies and Culinary Gardening, Cambridge Secondary I

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Holy Rosary Catholic School 765-6522 www.guardiancatholicschools.org
Jacksonville Christian Academy 783-2818
Joshua Christian Academy 388-2227 www.joshuachristian.org/JCA/jca
KidsPark 387-8602 www.kidspark.com
Millennial Christian School 772-6400 www.celebratelearning.com
New Beginnings Christian Academy 786-3178 www.nbca.nbccjax.org
Old Plank Christian Academy..... 783-6942 www.oprbc.org
Potter's House Christian Academy Elementary 786-0028 High School 695-2837 www.phcalions.org

Riverside Presbyterian Day School 353-5511 www.rpds.com
Sacred Heart Catholic School 771-5800 www.sacredheartcatholicjax.org
St. Mark's Episcopal Day School 388-2632 www.stmarksdayschool.org
St. Matthew's Catholic School 387-4401 http://stmatthewscs.com
St. Paul's Catholic School - Riverside 387-2841 www.spsjax.org
St. Pius V Parish School 354-2613 www.guardiancatholicschools.org
Temple Christian Academy 778-8655 www.templechristian.net
Trinity Christian Academy 596-2400 www.tcjax.org
West Meadows Baptist Academy 786-2711 www.wmbcjax.org

PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Lighthouse Christian School Northside 353-7062 Westside 854-4599 www.lighthousechristianschool.net

ABBREVIATIONS KEY

Athletics	
Basic = all or part of the following	Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Physical Education, Soccer, Softball, Track, Weightlifting
Flag Football	FF
Golf	G
Lacrosse	L
Physical Education Only	PE
Swimming	SW
Tennis	TN
Volleyball	V
Wrestling	W
Before and After School Programs	
Cathedral Arts	C
Extended Day	E
Enrichment	R
Extra-Hour Reading Initiative	I
Girls on the Run	G
Homework Assistance & Tutoring	H
Mentoring	M
Other (city program)	O
School Clubs	S
TEAM UP	U
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten	V
JROTC	
US Air Force	USAF
US Army	USAF
US Navy	USN
US Marine Corps	USMC

Fine Arts	
Band	B
Career Technical Education/Academies	CTE
Chorus	C
Color Guard	CG
Computers	CP
Culinary	L
Dance	D
Foreign Language	F
Health Education	H
Media Programs/TV	MP
Music	M
Musical Theatre/Drama	MT
Other	O
Photography/Film	G
Physical Education	P
Recorders	R
Sign Choir	SC
Speech	S
Technology	T
Visual Arts	A
Foreign Languages	
American Sign Language	ASL
Arabic	A
Chinese	C
French	F
German	G
Italian	I
Latin	L
Portuguese	P
Spanish	S

HIGHER EDUCATION

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 579-3796
www.erau.edu

Florida State College at Jacksonville
Downtown Campus 633-8100
Kent Campus..... 381-3400
www.fscj.edu

Jones College 743-1122
West Campus 800-673-2745
www.jones.edu

Southern Illinois University - NAS Jacksonville 771-4258
www.ehs.siu.edu/wed

Trinity Baptist College 800-786-2206
www.tbc.edu

PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Columbia College - NAS Jacksonville 778-9769
www.ccis.edu

Edward Waters College 470-8000
www.ewc.edu

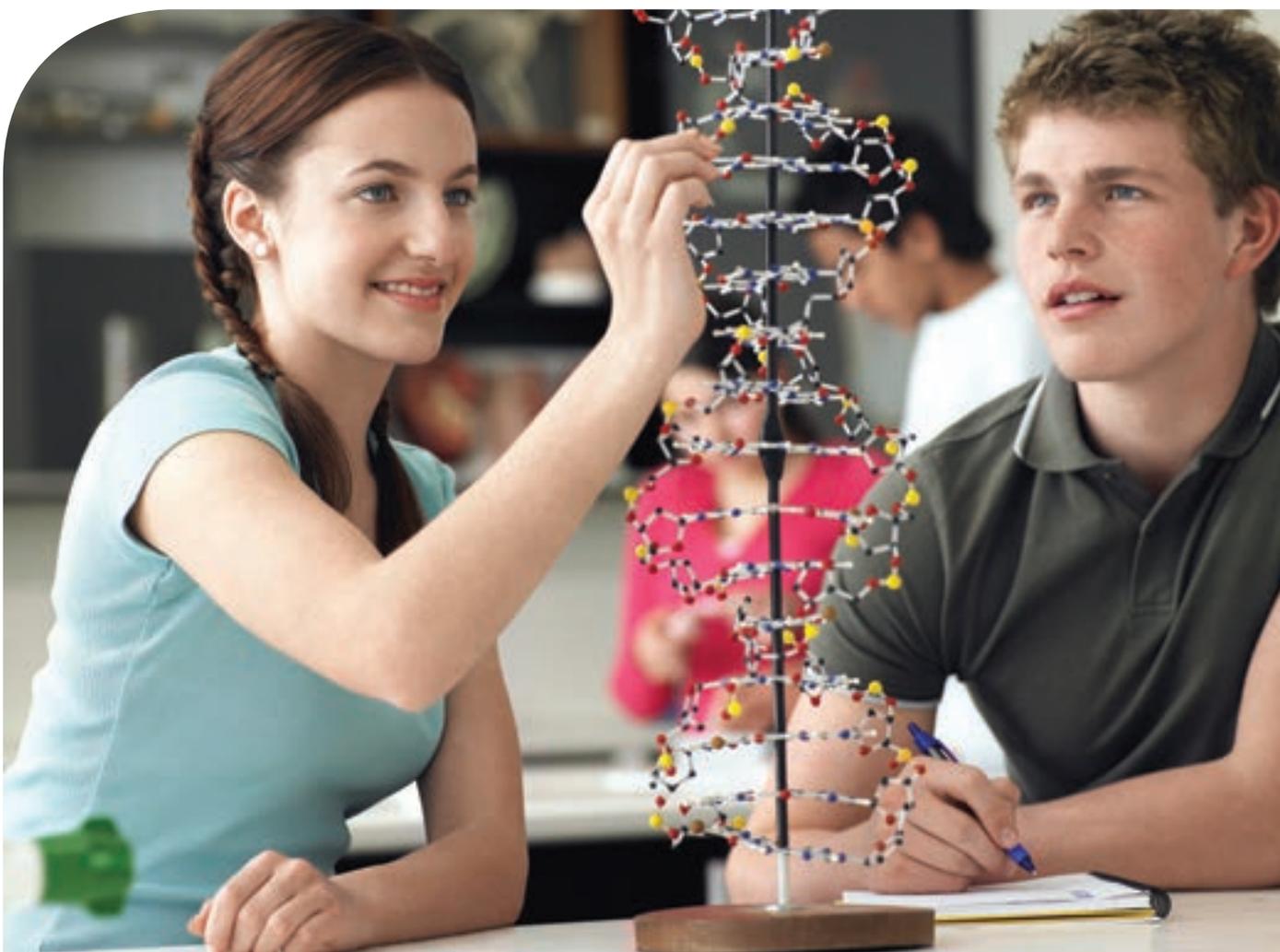
Webster University - NAS Jacksonville 779-7124
www.webster.edu/jacksonville

PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Florida State College at Jacksonville
Downtown Campus 633-8100
Kent Campus..... 381-3400
www.fscj.edu

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - HIGH SCHOOL

Area	Name	Enrollment	Foreign Languages	Fine Arts	Athletics	JROTC	Themes
West	Baldwin Middle - High School – 266-1200 291 Mill St. W., Baldwin, FL 32234	1,138	S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MT, MP, P, T	Basic	NA	AP Capstone Diploma Program, Digital Media STEM Program, Drone Aviation - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
West	Darnell-Cookman – 630-6805 1701 Davis St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,164	L, S	A, C, CP, D, H, M, P, S, T	PE	NA	Magnet - School of the Medical Arts
West	Grand Park Career Center – 630-6894 2335 W. 18th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	165	S, C	NA	PE	NA	Alternative Education - Graduation Initiative River Region Services, Gateway Services
	Hospital Homebound	141	NA	NA	NA	NA	Hospital Homebound Services, District Operated Programs
West	Jackson, Andrew – 630-6950 3816 Main St. N., Jacksonville, FL 32206	703	S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, P, S, T	Basic	USAF	Magnet - Health Sciences Academy, Biomedical, Information Technology, Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
West	Lee, Robert E. – 381-3930 1200 McDuff Ave. S., Jacksonville, FL 32205	2,024	G, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	USN	Magnet - Science, Engineering Academy, Early College, Engineering Pathways, Logistics/Supply Chain, Culinary Arts, Digital Media, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
West	Mattie V. Rutherford Alternative Education Center – 630-6782 1514 Hubbard St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	102	NA	NA	NA	NA	Alternative Education - Core Subjects
West	Mount Herman Exceptional Student Center – 630-6740 1741 Francis St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	150	NA	A, CP, H, M, P, S	PE, Special Olympics	NA	PreK-12/Transition Services - Exceptional Student Center
West	Peterson, Frank H. Academies of Technology – 573-1150 7450 Wilson Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,199	S	A, C, CP, CTE, D, G, H, L, P, S, T	Basic	NA	Magnet - Academies/Career Technology, AP/Honors, Agriscience, Automotive, Aviation, Communications, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood, Robotics
West	Randolph, A. Philip Academies of Technology – 924-3011 1157 Golfair Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32209	420	S	A, CP, CTE, D, G, H, MP, P, S, T	Basic	NA	Magnet - Academies, Career Technology, AP/Honors, Dual Enrollment, Cosmetology, Fire & Rescue, Public Safety, Health, Information Technology
West	Ribault, Jean – 924-3092 3701 Winton Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32208	1,247	C, L, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, M, MP, P, S, T	Basic	USMC	Magnet - MJROTC, Secondary 2/Early College, Finance Academy, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle, EWC, FSCJ)
West	School For The Future/Bridge to Success – 354-7799 1824 North Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32206	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Academic Alternative School for Overage Students
West	Stanton College Preparatory School – 630-6760 1149 W. 13th St., Jacksonville, FL 32209	1,512	C, F, L, S	A, B, C, CP, CG, D, H, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic + L	NA	Magnet - International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme, AP/Honors
West	Westside High School – 573-1170 5530 Firestone Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32244	1,525	S, ASL	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, D, H, L, M, MP, MT, P, S, T	Basic	USAF	Cambridge Second 2/AICE, Information Technology (Web Development), Culinary Arts, Emerging Technology, Logistics/Supply Chain, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle)
West	White, Edward H. – 693-7620 1700 Old Middleburg Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32210	1,724	ASL, S	A, B, C, CG, CP, CTE, M, MP, P, S, T	Basic	USN	IB Diploma Programme (Spanish), Information Technology, Military Science - Dual Enrollment (Embry Riddle), Business - Food Truck



OPTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

Advanced International Certificate of Education Program (AICE)

The AICE Program is a rigorous college preparatory curriculum and examination system, sponsored by the University of Cambridge International Examinations. The program emphasizes independent research, initiative and creativity. To qualify for an AICE diploma, students must earn six credits by passing a combination of examinations in several subject areas. Florida's public colleges and universities provide college credit for successfully passed exams, and students can earn up to 45 credits.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The College Board's AP program provides advanced courses to high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit after the completion of each course. AP classes are beneficial to students because they help broaden their academic skills, prepare them for college-level courses and give them an upper hand in the college admission process.

Dual Enrollment

This acceleration program allows students to simultaneously earn high school credit and credit toward a career certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree. Another form of dual enrollment is early admissions, which permits students to enroll full time in college or career courses at a postsecondary institution, thus obtaining high school and college or career credits for completed courses.

Gifted Programs

These programs are provided to students identified as gifted—those who appear to be capable of high academic performance. Each district and school has their own requirements and rules for gifted programs. Some services provided to gifted students include accelerated instruction, such as independent study and enrichment instruction.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The IB academic programs encourage international mindedness and provide quality education. The Primary Years Programme focuses on development inside and outside the classroom. The Middle Years Programme offers an academic challenge while providing life skills. The Diploma Programme consists of a rigorous two-year curriculum, where graduates receive an IB diploma and are often given advanced placement at colleges and universities worldwide. The IB Career-related Programme is new, and designed especially for students who want to engage in career-related learning.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

The JROTC program is designed to teach high school students the value of citizen leadership, teamwork and self-discipline. The program also allows students to become more familiar with military services. All three counties offer JROTC programs for the Air Force, Army, Marines or Navy military branches.

NASSAU COUNTY

Nassau County School District

Superintendent: John L. Ruis, Ed.D.
1201 Atlantic Ave.

Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 491-9900
www.edline.net/pages/nassau_county_school_district

Nassau County has two elementary schools kindergarten through fifth, three elementary schools kindergarten through second, three elementary schools third through fifth, three middle schools, one middle-senior high school and three high schools. The Nassau County School District offers virtual instruction, as well as an alternative academic school, the Nassau County Adult School. The Nassau County School Board meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the School Board District Office in Fernandina Beach.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Administrative Services	491-9906
Adult Education & Drop Out Prevention	548-1750
Elementary Education	491-9885
Exceptional Student Education	491-9881
Food Services	491-9924
Transportation	225-0127



EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Before- and/or after-school childcare is offered through the YMCA's "PrYme Time" program, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida, and several private day care centers.

Check with the McArthur Family YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida, or local day care centers for more details. After-school programs are offered at the middle schools through Communities in Schools.

HOME EDUCATION

For home schooling support in Nassau County, contact the Florida Parent-Educators Association at office@fpea.com or 877-275-3732.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Amelia Island Montessori School	261-6610
www.ameliaislandmontessori.com	
Early Impressions @ Midtown	206-4170
www.earlyimpressionsfl.com	
Faith Christian Academy	321-2137
www.fcaangels.com	
Fernandina Beach Christian Academy	491-5664
www.fernandinachristianacademy.com	
Lighthouse Christian School Callahan	507-6683
www.lighthousechristianschool.net/callahan-campus	
Sonshine Christian Academy	879-1260
www.sonshinechristian.com	
St. Michael's Academy	321-2102
www.edline.net/pages/St_Michael_Academy	
The Ogburn School	491-6233
www.ogburn.org	

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Bryceville	266-9241
Callahan	879-2121
Callahan Intermediate	879-1114
Emma Love Hardee	491-7936
Hilliard	845-4471
Nassau Virtual School	277-9040
Southside	491-7941
Yulee	225-9711

Middle Schools

Callahan	879-3606
Fernandina Beach	491-7938
Hilliard	845-2171
Nassau Virtual School	277-9040
Yulee	225-5116

High Schools

Fernandina Beach	261-5713
Hilliard	845-2171
Nassau Virtual School	277-9040
West Nassau	879-3461
Yulee	225-8641

HIGHER EDUCATION

Florida State College at Jacksonville	
The Betty P. Cook Nassau Center	548-4400
www.fscj.edu	



TRUSTED RESOURCE

for school districts, educators, professionals, and parents

Established in 1885, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is a fully accredited state public school and outreach center available tuition-free to eligible Pre-K and K-12 students who are deaf/hard of hearing or blind/visually impaired. Comprehensive educational services at FSDB are designed for the unique communication and accessibility needs of students.

The overall goal of FSDB is to prepare students to become literate, independent, and productive citizens who contribute to the communities in which they reside. Our expectations are high and our enthusiasm for students to *Do More, Be More, and Achieve More* has no limits.

FSDB Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind

207 N. San Marco Ave. • St. Augustine, FL 32084
 800.344.3732 • 904.201.4527 VP
www.fldb.k12.fl.us

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County School District
 Superintendent: Joseph Joyner, Ed.D.
 40 Orange St.
 St. Augustine, FL 32084 547-7502
www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

The St. Johns County School District serves nearly 34,000 students. It includes 18 elementary schools, three K-8 schools, seven middle schools, seven high schools, six charter schools and one alternative center. Furthermore, the Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind in St. Augustine offers an educational program for deaf and blind children from pre-school through 12th grade, as well as a postsecondary program. Tuition is free to eligible Florida residents.

The St. Johns County School Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at the School Board Administration Center. Workshops are also held at 8:30 a.m. on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

- Career and Technical Education 547-4870
- Exceptional Student Education 547-7672
- Food and Nutrition Services 547-3960
- Head Start 547-8965
- School Services 547-7583
- Transportation Department 547-7810

EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

All elementary schools in St. Johns County offer extended day care, while some schools also provide before-school care. Each school has different fees for the program, because some may offer enrichment activities. Check with your child's individual school for more details.

HOME EDUCATION

For information on home schooling in St. Johns County, contact Phyllis Ingram at 547-8084 or phyllis.ingram@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

- Academy of Business and Leadership Education, The 826-1606
www.ableschool.org
- Arc of the St. Johns, The 824-7249
www.arcsj.org
- St. Augustine Public Montessori School..... 342-5350
www.staugustinemontessori.com
- St. Johns Community Campus Charter School, The..... 209-6842
www.arcsj.org/communitycampus.html
- St. Paul School of Excellence, Inc. 829-9910
www.spschoolofexcellence.com
- Therapeutic Learning Center 824-8932
www.arcsj.org/therapeuticlearningcenter.html



PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Accotink Academy by the Sea	273-4267
www.accotinkacademybythesea.com	
Beacon of Hope Christian School	797-6996
www.beaconeagles.net	
Bolles School, The	285-4658
www.bolles.org	
Cathedral Parish School	824-2861
www.thecathedralparishschool.org	
Matanzas Christian Academy	794-1623
www.matanzasacademy.com	
Palmer Catholic Academy.....	543-8515
www.pcapvb.org	
San Juan Del Rio Catholic School	287-8081
www.sjdrparish.org	
St. John's Academy	824-9224
www.stjohnsacademy.com	
St. Johns Grammar School	287-8760
www.sjgs.net	
St. Joseph Academy Catholic High School.....	824-0431
www.sjaweb.org	
Turning Point Christian Academy	824-0744
www.tpcalvary.com	
Victory Preparatory School	810-0535
www.victoryprep.org	

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Elementary Schools

Cunningham Creek.....	547-7860
Durbin Creek	547-3880
Hickory Creek.....	547-7450
John A. Crookshank.....	547-7840

Julington Creek	547-7980
Ketterlinus	547-8540
Liberty Pines Academy	547-7900
Mill Creek	547-3720
Ocean Palms.....	547-3760
Osceola.....	547-3780
Otis A. Mason.....	547-8440
Palencia.....	547-4010
Patriot Oaks Academy	547-4050
PVPV – Rawlings	547-3820
R.B. Hunt	547-7960
South Woods	547-8610
Timberlin Creek	547-7400
Valley Ridge Academy	547-4090
W. D. Hartley	547-8400
Wards Creek.....	547-8730
Webster.....	547-3860

Middle Schools

Alice B. Landrum.....	547-8410
Fruit Cove.....	547-7880
Gamble Rogers	547-8700
Liberty Pines Academy	547-7900
Pacetti Bay	547-8760
Patriot Oaks Academy.....	547-4050
R.J. Murray.....	547-8470
Sebastian	547-3840
Switzerland Point.....	547-8650
Valley Ridge Academy	547-4090

High Schools

Allen D. Nease.....	547-8300
Bartram Trail	547-8340
Creekside	547-7300
Pedro Menendez	547-8660
Ponte Vedra.....	547-7350
St. Augustine.....	547-8530
St. Johns Technical.....	547-8500

PROGRAMS FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Florida School for the Deaf & the Blind	800-344-3732
www.fldb.k12.fl.us	

HIGHER EDUCATION

First Coast Technical College	824-4401
www.fctc.edu	
Flagler College	819-6400
www.flagler.edu	
Florida Aviation Career Training, Inc	824-9401
www.florida-aviation.com	
University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	826-0084
www.usa.edu/StAugustine	

PUBLIC/STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

St. Johns River State College	808-7400
www.sjrstate.edu	



HEALTH CARE

Many hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities on the First Coast are well known for excellence and frequently receive awards and recognition.

as you settle into your new home, you will want to make decisions about health care providers for you and your family. The First Coast is fortunate to have a wide selection of medical providers and facilities. No doubt, the quality and caring professionals you desire are available here. This section will get you started on finding the right medical care.

Many hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities on the First Coast are well known for excellence and frequently receive awards and recognition. In 2015, Mayo Clinic ranked nationally among the top 50 hospitals for cancer treatment by *U.S. News & World Report*. Also, Mayo Clinic is ranked No. 1 in Jacksonville and is among the top 10 hospitals in Florida on the *U.S. News & World Report* list.

Keeping up with the latest technology helps local facilities provide the best possible care. For instance, Baptist Health has two Mazor robots that allow surgeons to repair various spine conditions. Using the Mazor Robotics Renaissance™ technology allows surgeons to perform more accurate and less invasive procedures with a third of the radiation exposure from traditional spine surgery. St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside was the first hospital in the region to offer the S-ICD System™ (Subcutaneous Implantable Defibrillator). Patients suffering from an abrupt loss of heart function by chaotic activity of the heart, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), can benefit from this device. Many other local hospitals and surgery centers are currently using advanced technology and aspire to gain new equipment and perform new procedures as technology continues to advance.

Education plays an important role in health care as well. UF Health Jacksonville is home to the University of Florida's colleges of medicine, nursing and pharmacy. Other local organizations, like St. Vincent's HealthCare, offer accredited continuing education programs to provide medical professionals with quality education that implements new knowledge, teaches new skills, reviews techniques and develops appropriate physician-patient relationships.

At Mayo Clinic, research departments continually search for ways to improve patient care. Mayo's researchers study digestive diseases, diabetes, cancer, neurological disorders and many other illnesses and diseases covering all areas of medicine. In addition, patients at Mayo Clinic often participate in clinical trials.

To meet the needs of a growing community, health care facilities on the First Coast are continually expanding. UF Health North is a brand new state-of-the-art, six-story medical office building on the Northside of Jacksonville near the Jacksonville International Airport. It provides a 24/7 full-service emergency room, outpatient surgery, occupational medicine, a birth center, advanced imaging and other diagnostic services. St. Vincent's HealthCare in Clay County will soon double in size through the addition of new women's and maternity services, 30 inpatient beds, 13 treatment rooms in the Emergency Department and a shell to add 30 additional beds in the future. Also in Clay County, Baptist Health will be building a new 100-bed hospital in Fleming Island.

In addition to full-service hospitals, primary care and urgent care clinics are growing in popularity and number. Organizations such as Borland-Groover and CareSpot have locations throughout the First Coast. The First Coast is also home to a number of surgery centers. These quality facilities will have you in and out and on your way home in no time. For those looking for long-term care for a loved one, the *First Coast Relocation Guide* includes listings of local assisted living facilities and nursing homes starting on page 109.

Florida's First Coast offers great health care services and many choices of providers and facilities. Because we have a multitude of hospitals, clinics, surgery and imaging centers, patients can find what they seek, without settling for less than satisfactory treatment. Whatever your needs, the First Coast can meet them with quality facilities and care.



Photo courtesy of Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

BAKER COUNTY HOSPITALS

Ed Fraser Memorial Hospital

159 N. Third St., Macclenny
259-3151
www.bcmedsvcs.com

25 beds; 17 physicians
Accreditation: Surveyed annually by the state for licensure and Medicare
Owned/Affiliated: Baker County Medical Services, Inc.

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

- Macclenny Nursing and Rehab Center 259-4873
- W. Frank Wells Nursing Home 259-6168

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY

- Clair Winston House, The 402-1079

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

Baker County's Department of Health provides basic family health and dental care. The department also provides early intervention and medical services to children with special health care needs.
www.floridahealth.gov/chdbaker

- Adult and Children's Dental Services 259-6291
- Adult and Children's Health Services 259-6291
- Disease Control 259-6291
- Environmental Health 259-3569
- Immunization 259-6291
- Vital Statistics 259-6291
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children) 259-3233



Photo courtesy of Kindred Hospital North Florida

CLAY COUNTY HOSPITALS

Kindred Hospital North Florida

801 Oak St., Green Cove Springs
284-9230
www.khnorthflorida.com

80 beds
Accreditation: The Joint Commission
Owned/Affiliated: Kindred Healthcare, Inc.



Photo courtesy of Orange Park Medical Center

Orange Park Medical Center

2001 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park
639-8500
www.orangeparkmedical.com

297 beds; 800+ physicians
Accreditation: The Joint Commission
Owned/Affiliated: HCA Healthcare Corp.



Photo courtesy of St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County

St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County

1670 St. Vincent's Way, Middleburg
602-1000
www.jaxhealth.com

64 beds; 248 physicians
Owned/Affiliated: Ascension Health



HEALTH CARE

SURGERY CENTERS

Clay Surgery Center	264-0400
Fleming Island Surgery Center	644-0700
Orange Park Surgery Center.....	272-2550
Surgcenter of Orange Park, LLC.....	385-4854

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

Consulate Healthcare of Orange Park	269-8922
Governor's Creek Health & Rehabilitation.....	284-5606
Heartland Health Care Center Orange Park	264-3912
Isle Health & Rehabilitation Center	541-3500
Life Care Center at Wells Crossing.....	264-1950
Life Care Center of Orange Park	272-2424
Oak View Rehabilitation Center.....	269-2610
Pavilion for Health Care, The.....	284-8578
Signature Healthcare of Orange Park	272-6194

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Acacia Grove Assisted Living Facility, LLC	327-5584
Brookdale Orange Park	264-0207
Caring House Assisted Living Facility, LLC.....	589-8194
Diamond ALF, LLC	495-7210
Middleburg Assisted Living Facility, Inc.	291-1632
Park of the Palms	352-473-6100
Pine Crest Manor.....	272-2609
Quality Care of Florida, Inc.	276-1115
Queen of Angels	264-9570
Samson Villa of Orange Park	375-2011
SHP IV Fleming Island, LLC	278-4442
Spring Gardens of Orange Park, Inc.	276-1778

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Allegro at Fleming Island, The	278-4442
Brandon Place at Moosehaven	278-1281
Brookdale Orange Park	264-0207
Moosehaven Retirement Community	278-1200

COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS

The Clay County Health Department features more than 35 separate programs. It currently works with more than 85 agencies or organizations in its efforts to address community concerns. www.doh.state.fl.us/chdclay

Adult and Children's Health Services.....	529-2800
Children's Dental Services.....	531-9695
Disease Control	529-2800
Environmental Health	278-3782
Immunization	529-2800
Vital Statistics	529-2800
WIC (Women, Infants and Children)	272-3177



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DUVAL – BEACHES

HOSPITALS

Baptist Medical Center Beaches

1350 13th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach
627-2900
Physician Referral: 202-CARE (2273)
www.baptistjax.com

146 beds; 516 physicians
Accreditation: Society of Chest Pain Centers, The Joint Commission
Owned/Affiliated: Baptist Health



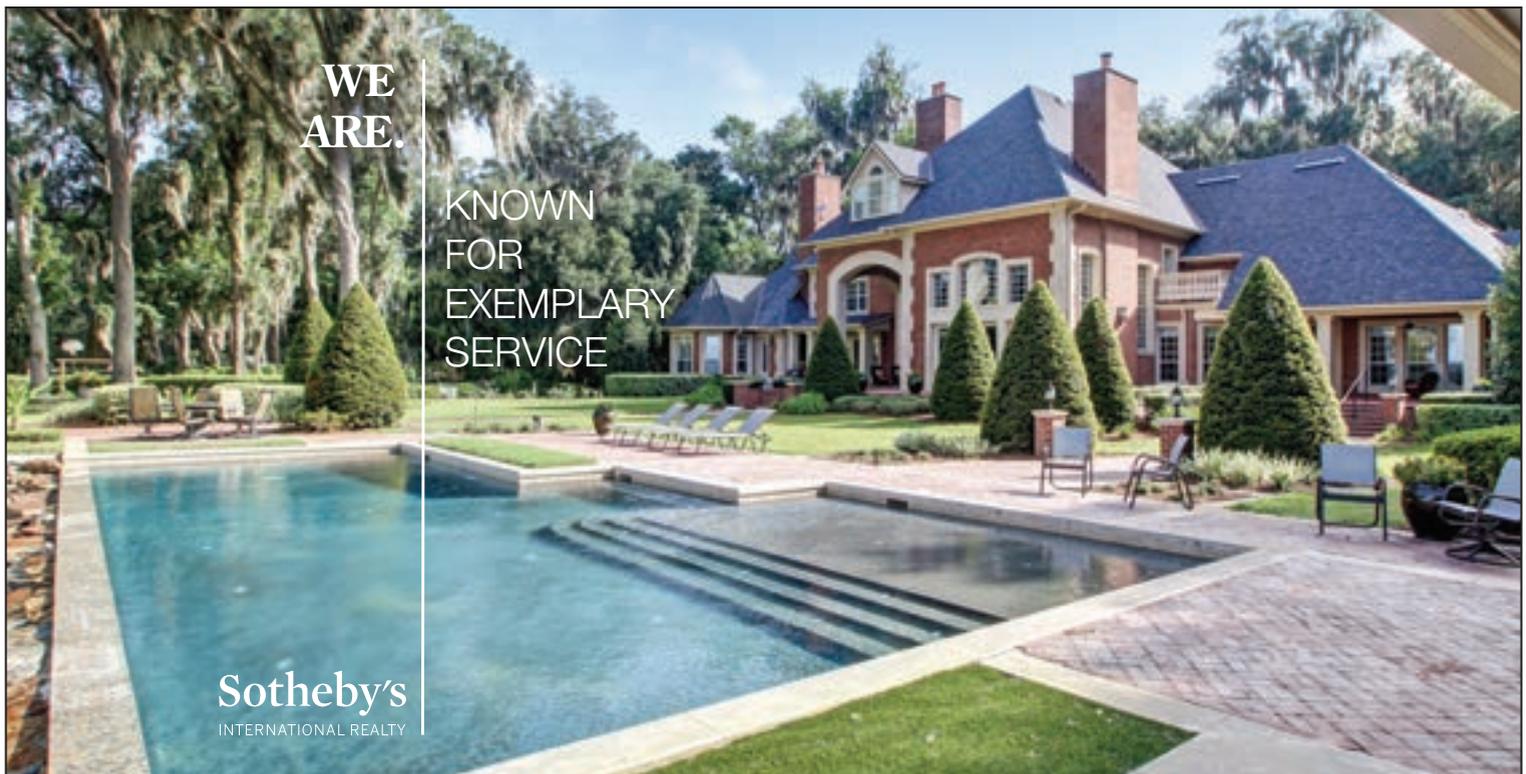
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Mayo Clinic

4500 San Pablo Rd. S., Jacksonville
953-2000
Central Appointment Office: 953-2272
www.mayoclinic.org/jacksonville

214 beds; 460+ physicians
Accreditation: Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program (FACT),
The Joint Commission
Owned/Affiliated: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education
and Research





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INTERNATIONAL REALTY
Executive Relocation Services
 Manarmor Sotheby's International Realty
 5233 San Jose Blvd. | Jacksonville, FL 32207
 904.731.9770
<http://manormorsir.com>

SURGERY CENTERS

- Baptist Medical Center Beaches Surgery Center 627-3700
- Jacksonville Beach Surgery Center 247-8181

SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

- Avanté Villa at Jacksonville Beach, Inc. 249-7421
- Cypress Village 223-6100
- Fleet Landing 246-9900

ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

- Almost Home Beaches 249-3233
- Ashford Court Assisted Living 285-8827
- Atria San Pablo 821-9900
- Fleet Landing 246-9900
- HarborChase of Jacksonville 821-8030
- Inn at Cypress Village, The 807-6261
- Windsor at San Pablo, The 928-3700

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

- Brookdale Cypress Village 223-6100
- Fleet Landing Retirement Community 246-9900
- Hurley Manor Apartments 744-6022
- Pablo Hamlet 241-5207
- Pablo Towers 249-3866



DUVAL – NORTH

HOSPITALS

UF Health North
 15255 Max Leggett Pkwy., Jacksonville
 Appointments: 383-1000
north.ufhealthjax.org

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Baptist Medical Center South

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269 beds; 488 physicians
Accreditation: Society of Chest Pain Centers, The Joint Commission
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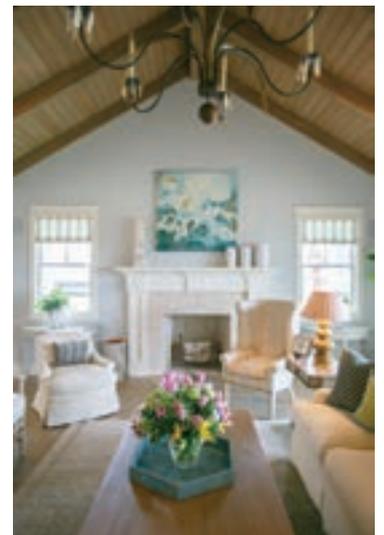
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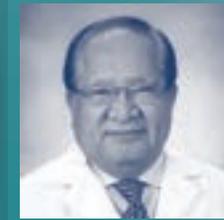
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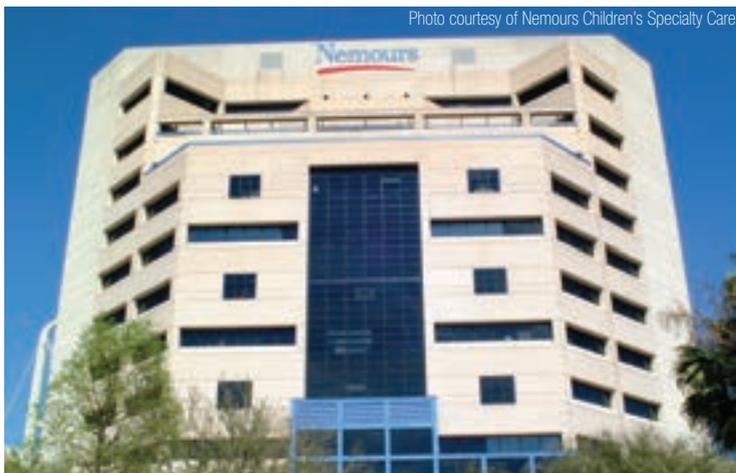


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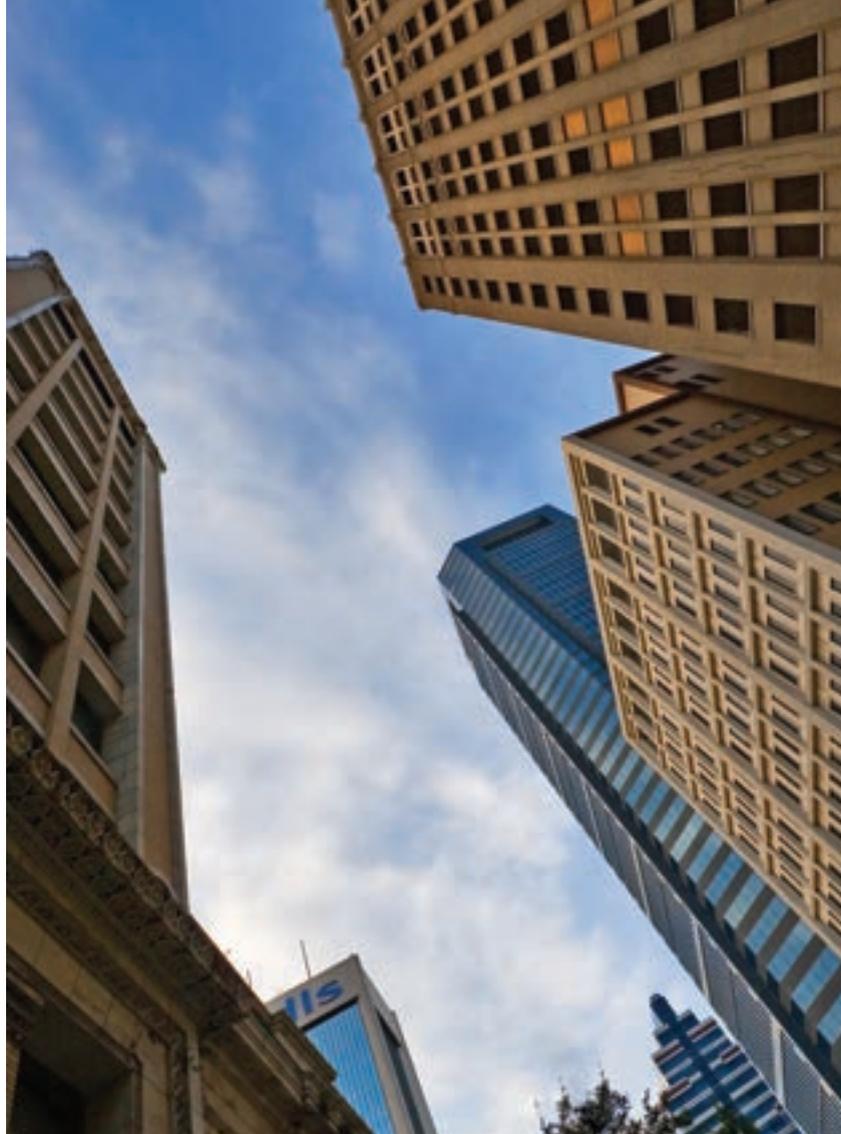




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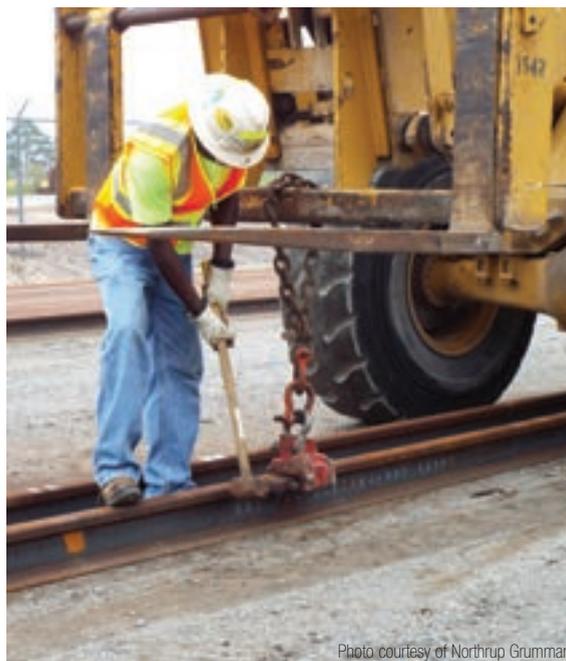


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such as Saft America, GE Oil & Gas and Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Inc.

Aviation and Aerospace – More than 9,000 workers are employed in aviation and aerospace jobs, and more than 100 aviation-related defense contractors operate in the region. Companies including Boeing, Embraer, Flightstar, Northrop Grumman and others value Northeast Florida's global accessibility.

Financial Services – More than 60,000 people are employed in Jacksonville's financial services industry at companies such as Deutsche Bank, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Fidelity National Financial, EverBank, BB&T, Wells Fargo, Citi and SunTrust. The newest financial services company to town, Macquarie Group, joins 12 other major banks and insurance services firms on Forbes' Global 500 list that have established significant operations in the region.

Health and Life Sciences – One in every six employees in the region works in the health care and bioscience sectors. Five of the top 10 private companies provide or are affiliated with health care, including one of only four Mayo Clinics in the nation and the area's largest private employer, Baptist Health. Medical device manufacturing, clinical trials, translational research and oncology are just a few of the specialties in Northeast Florida.



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"Northeast Florida offers employers a business-friendly environment and provides a great quality of life for employees."

Information Technology

– More than 12,000 highly skilled workers are employed in IT positions throughout the region in a wide range of occupations including computer programming, software design and computer facilities management. *Forbes*

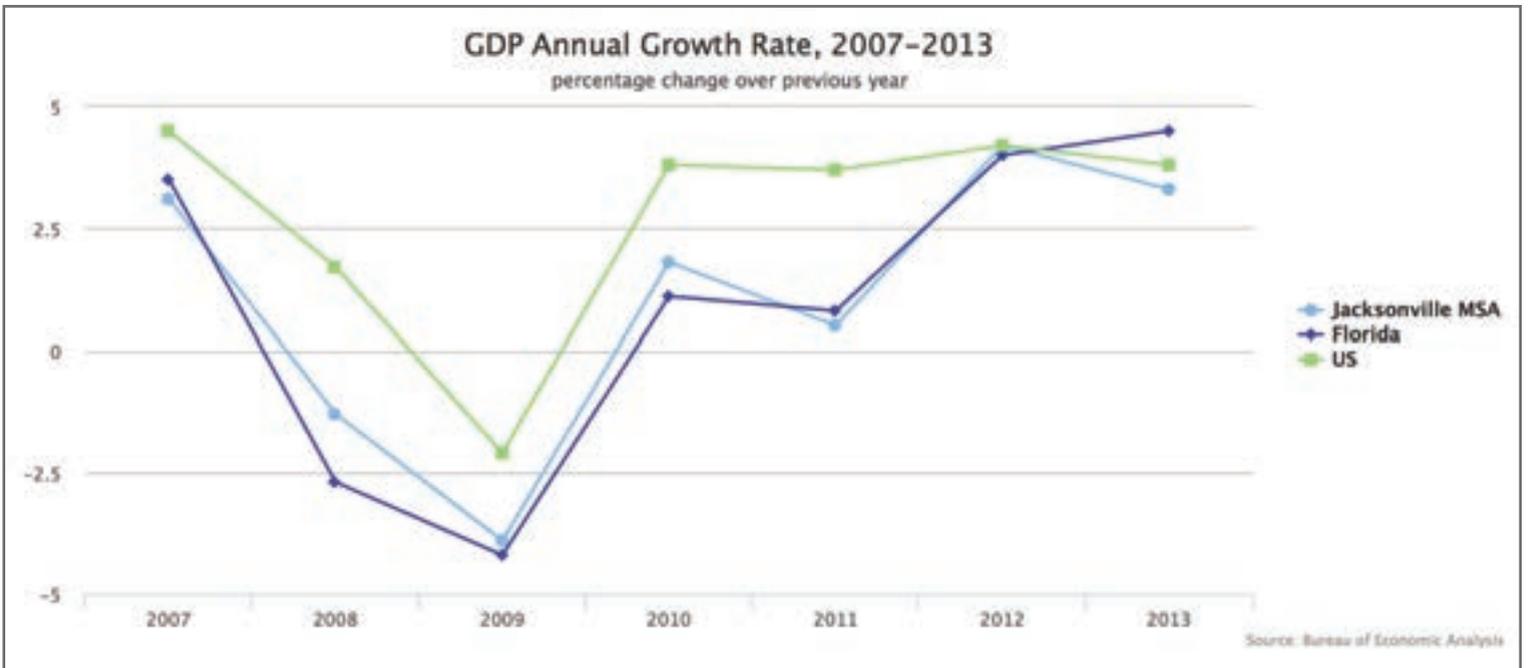
magazine continually ranks the Jacksonville region as one of the fastest growing sectors for high-tech jobs. The new Jacksonville Network Access Point (NAP) is positioning Jacksonville as the next international connection capital.



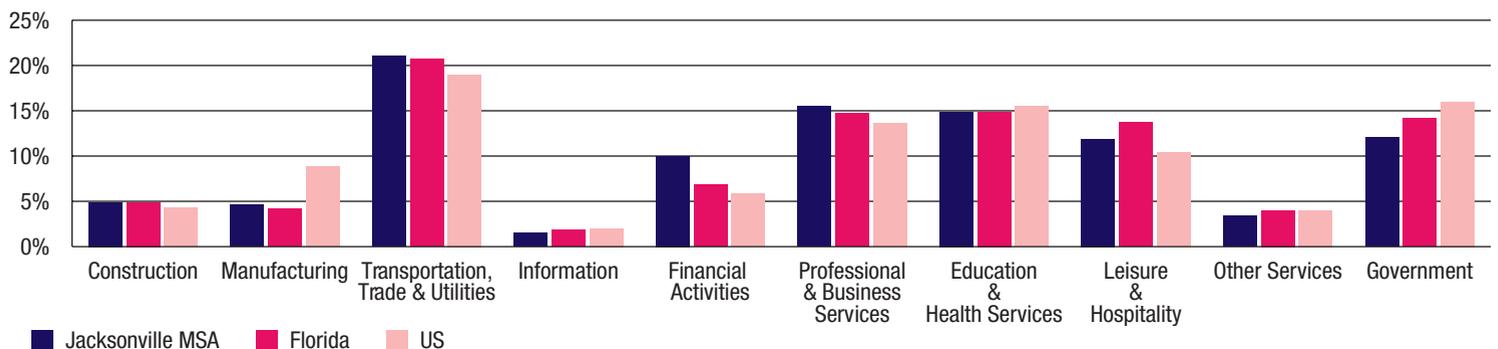
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Logistics – Northeast Florida's world-class intermodal transportation system, which includes multiple seaports, airports, railways and highways, has made the region a hub for domestic and international commerce. With accessibility to the entire Southeast market—and more than 50 million consumers—within an eight-hour drive, the region features a strong transportation infrastructure system and the potential for increased international trade with the support of JAXPORT, CSX Transportation, Suddath, Coach Inc. and Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations.

The success Northeast Florida has seen in the businesses within its targeted industries speaks directly to the economic advantages and opportunities that exist in the region. Northeast Florida offers employers a business-friendly environment and provides a great quality of life for employees.



Employment by Industry Sector as a Share of Total Employment



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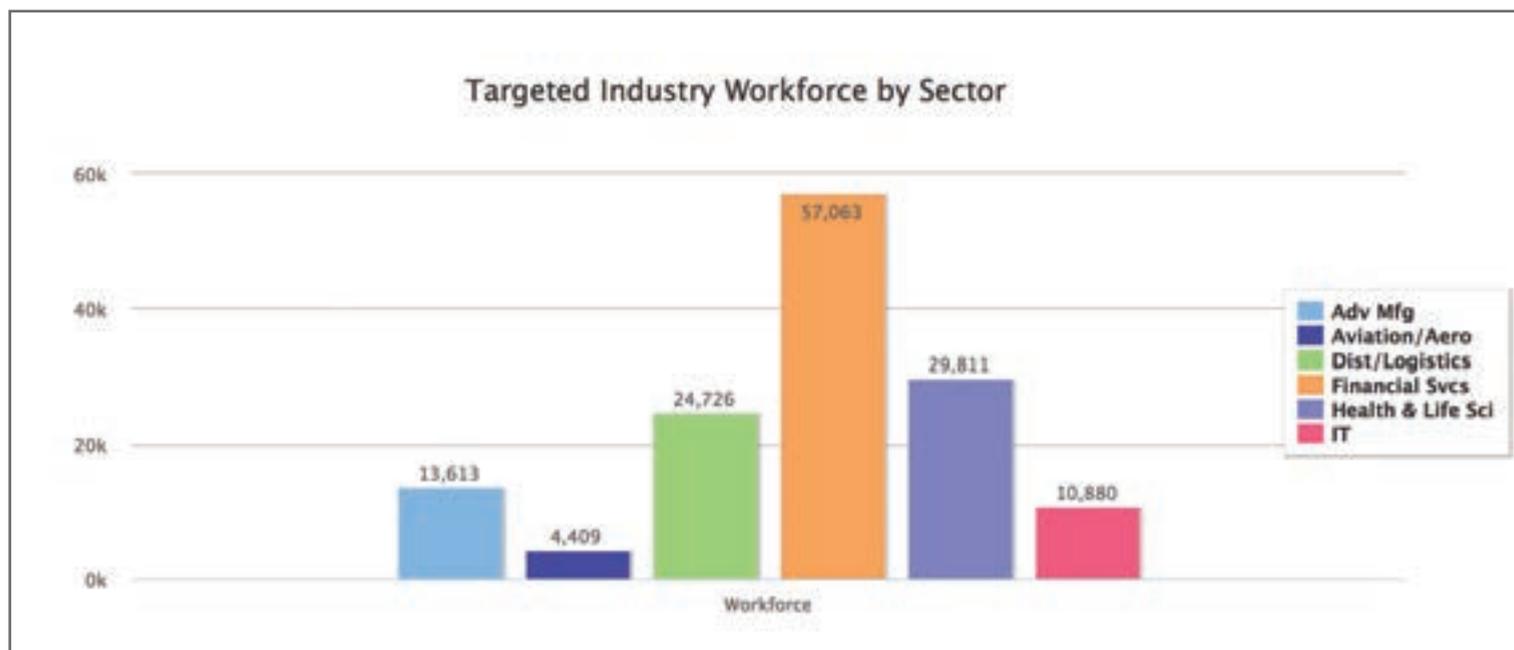
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EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY SECTOR

Geography	Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Trade & Utilities	Information	Financial Activities	Professional & Business Services	Education & Health Services	Leisure & Hospitality	Other Services	Government
Jacksonville MSA	32,100	27,800	129,600	9,200	61,200	98,000	93,400	75,600	21,800	73,700

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Current Employment Statistics, 2014 annual data



DOWNTOWN STRENGTHENING WITH *New Projects, Plans*

By JAX Chamber

Like all great cities, Jacksonville has a great downtown—an area that is thriving with a renewed sense of opportunity.

Several Fortune 500 companies call the urban core home. Numerous businesses, ranging from EverBank to Citizens Property Insurance to Sweet Pete's, have moved downtown. Others, including Ameris Bank, Gresham, Smith and Partners and *Folio Weekly*, are following suit, relocating to be part of the momentum taking place in the city's urban core.

The buzz about downtown continues to grow. Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ) is looking to bring student housing to the heart of downtown, just blocks from FSCJ's urban core campus. Renovations are underway at 100 North Laura St., also known as the Jacksonville Bank building, a mixed-use building located on the corner of Laura and Forsyth streets.

Healthy Town, a large-scale, mixed-use project located on the southbank is moving forward to develop residential units, office space and commercial space. There are plans to redevelop the Shipyards site, including a proposal from Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan. The proposal envisions a multi-use plan with public office space,

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residential space, parks and attractions like a multi-layer practice field and facility for the NFL football team. In addition to the Jaguars, downtown is home to the city's minor league baseball team, the Jacksonville Suns, and the arena football league team, the Jacksonville Sharks.

Businesses and community leaders want to have a presence and be part of the dynamic growth underway in the core. Projects such as Jessie Ball duPont Center, Hemming Park, Brooklyn Station and Unity Plaza are quickly becoming destinations. The duPont Center, once home to the former Haydon Burns Public Library, has shed its former image to transform into a vibrant and collaborative nonprofit center, home to the United Way of Northeast Florida and other charitable organizations.

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The Friends of Hemming Park have transformed the city's oldest park into an energized and attractive downtown centerpiece that offers year-round programming including family-friendly movies, concerts and after-work happy hours. Downtown is home to One Spark, the annual crowdfunding festival, and the annual Jacksonville Jazz Festival. Other downtown events including Art Walk, Jaxsons Night Market, the Elbow Bender, the Elbow Social and Jazz Fest After Dark are producing a ripple effect, attracting more visitors and life to the urban core.

The momentum is having a positive impact and helping to spur additional business growth, such as the expansion of the popular Burrito Gallery at Brooklyn Station, home of an upscale grocery and numerous restaurants. The vitality extends to nearby Unity Plaza, an urban performance park focused on healthy and life enhancing experiences.

Downtown Jacksonville boasts more than five miles of beautiful riverfront, including a nearly three-mile Riverwalk area. The Jacksonville Landing remains a popular riverfront gathering place, hosting entertainment and more than 350 events annually. The synergy between downtown events and venues extends to numerous attractions including the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), the Museum of Science and History (MOSH), the Ritz Theatre and Museum, Jacksonville Public Library and the Riverside Arts Market.

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Geography	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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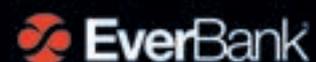


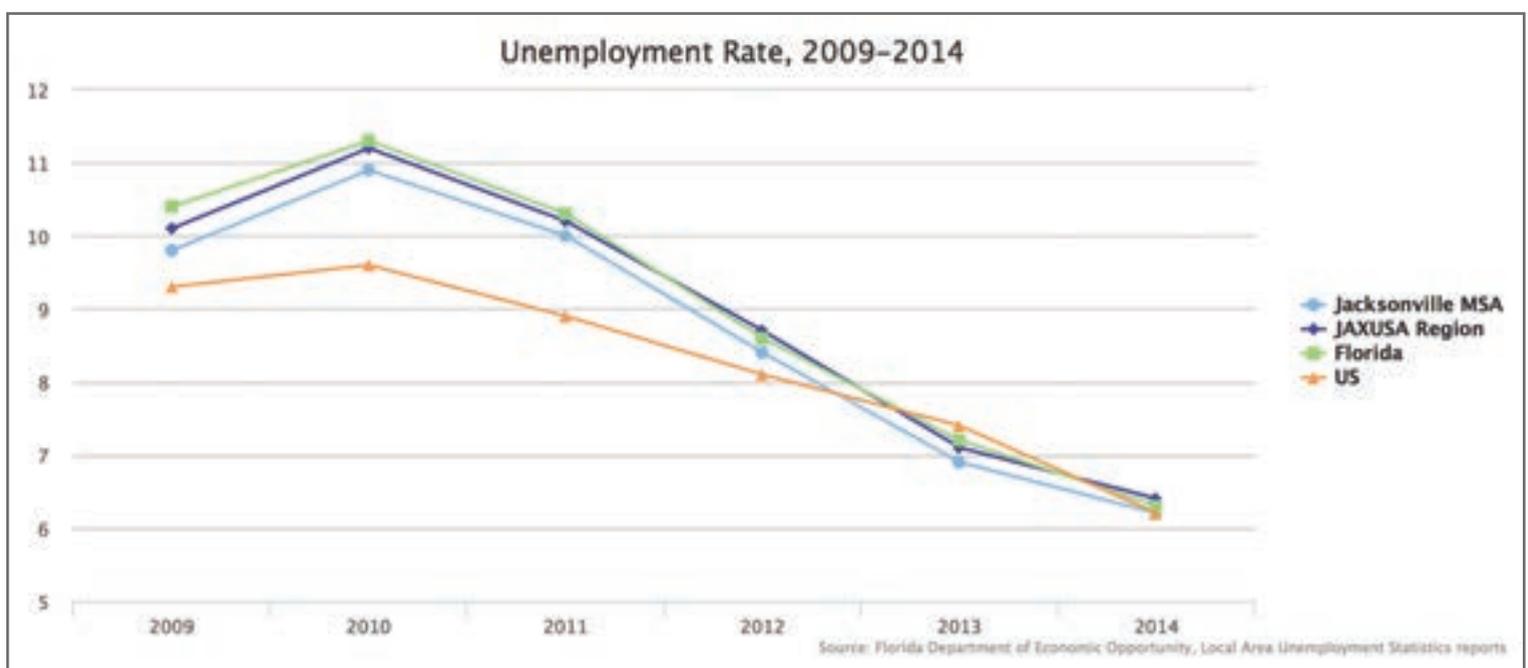
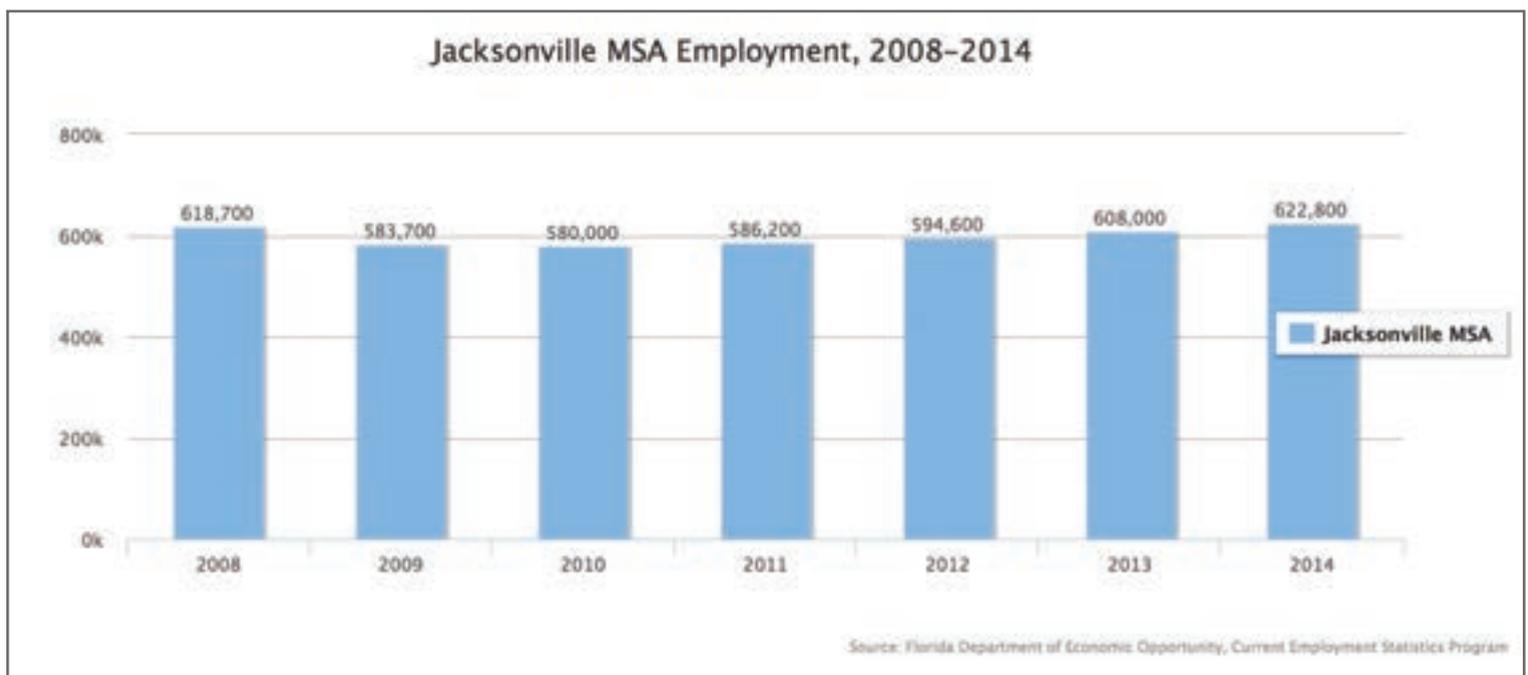
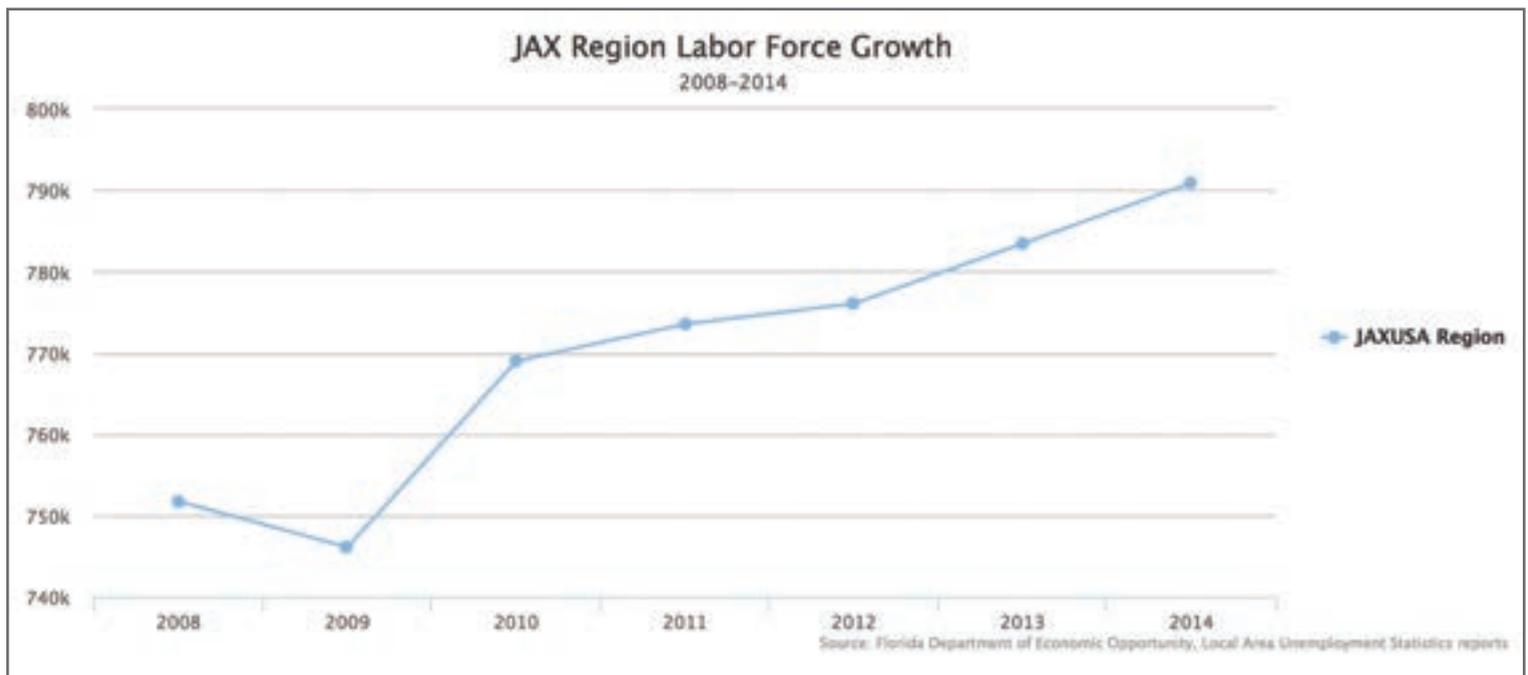
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On behalf of the Human Resource Community and SHRM Jacksonville, welcome to the First Coast! SHRM Jacksonville is the local chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) which is located in the Washington DC area.

SHRM Jacksonville serves nearly 700 human resource professional in eight Northeast Florida counties. As the largest chapter in the state of Florida, SHRM Jacksonville has proudly served the First Coast for 59 years.

Our mission is *Advancing and Serving the First Coast Workforce*. We serve our members and community throughout the year by providing monthly meetings covering workplace and employment issues; offering scholarships to help individuals pursue a higher education in the HR field or obtain HR certifications; connecting employers and job seekers for HR related positions; and helping our members stay up-to-date with the regulatory changes impacting their organizations. We also host the SHRM Jacksonville Annual Regional Conference and Expo, bringing together speakers who are recognized as the best in their field, HR professionals and those serving the HR community for a two-day event every spring.

I would like to extend to you and your family a heartfelt welcome to the Jacksonville area. If you are interested in a career in the human resource field, have been an HR professional for years, or have been a member of another local SHRM chapter, we invite you to visit one of our monthly meetings. Please visit our website for more information on our chapter's next meeting: www.shrmjax.org.

Welcome to the First Coast!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad V. Sorenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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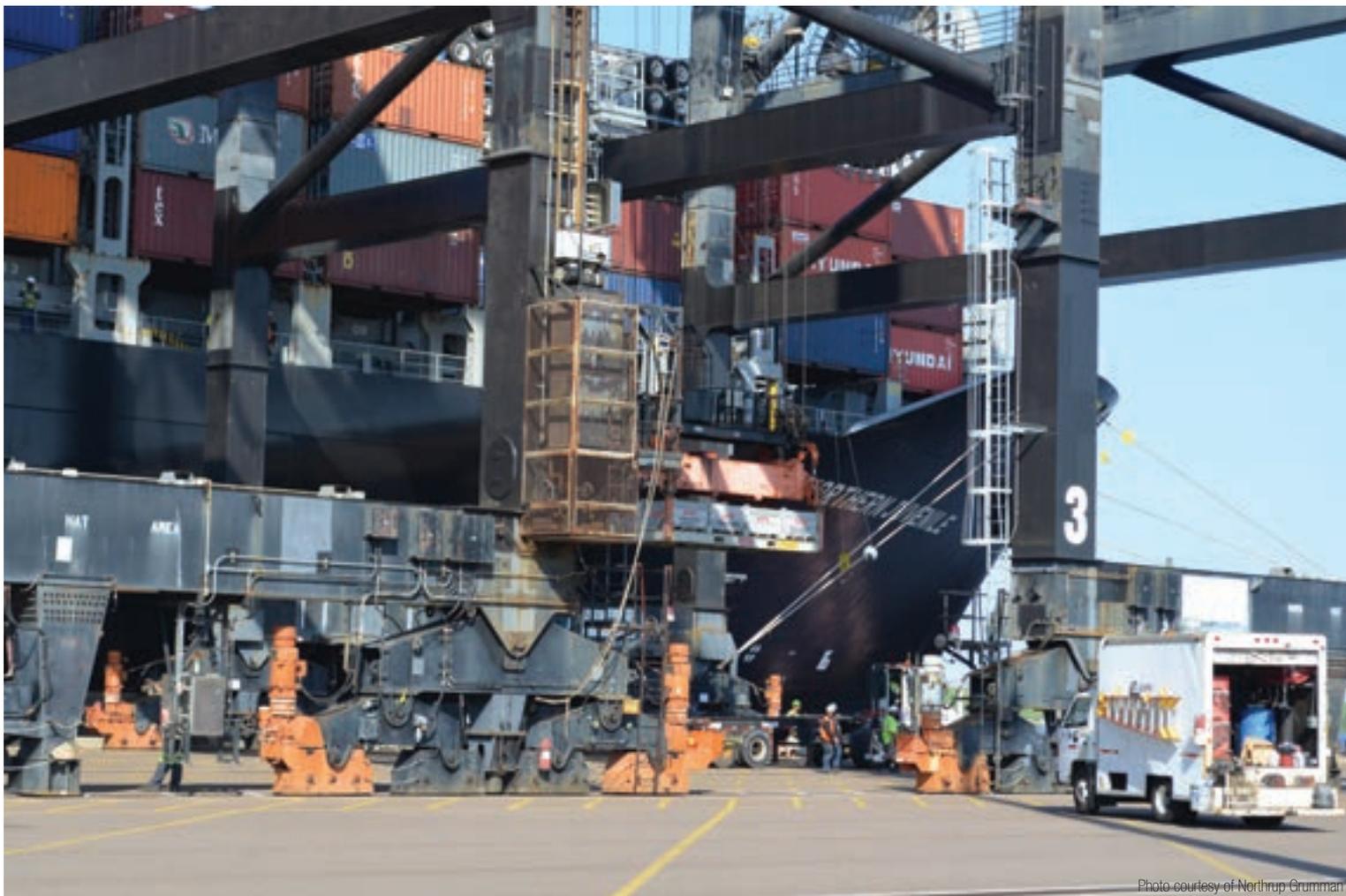


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the U.S. military has a very strong presence here on the First Coast with more than 50,000 Active Duty and civilian contractors stationed at the area's three naval bases. This flurry of activity brings the Navy's local economic impact to more than \$7 billion annually. The following article highlights the area's three naval bases as well as the United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, located adjacent to Naval Station Mayport.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jacksonville) is a 2012 Presidential Navy Installation of Excellence Award winner, and the Commander, Naval Installations Command Installation Excellence Award winner for 2013. The air installation prides itself on being a premier installation for delivering effective, sustained and improved shore readiness to the forward deployed fleet, warfighters, their families and the civilian workforce. NAS Jacksonville is an operational headquarters for more than 110 tenant commands, including the Commander Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven, 14 VP, VR, HS and HSM operational and reserve squadrons. It is home to the largest squadron in the Navy—Patrol Squadron Thirty (VP-30). It provides

P-3 specific training to pilots, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrew before reporting to the fleet. Major tenants aboard the base include Commander, Navy Region Southeast; Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast; Naval Hospital Jacksonville; Naval Supply Fleet Logistics Center; and Fleet Readiness Center Southeast. The Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE) performs refurbishment, repair and modification of aircraft, engines and aeronautical components in its mission to support the fleet, fighter and family.

As one of the most dynamic and diverse naval installations in the world, employing 23,000 personnel, NAS Jacksonville is a primary instrument of national security and its warfighters are a key component in conducting the core capabilities of the U.S. Navy's Maritime Strategy. NAS Jacksonville is the third largest naval installation in the country and the largest in the Southeast. It has an annual regional economic impact of \$2 billion. Located on nearly 4,000 acres along the beautiful St. Johns River, NAS Jacksonville also operates the Pinecastle Range Complex in the Ocala National Forest—the only Navy range on the East Coast where warfighters can deliver live ordnance—

and the Naval Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse. Through the years, NAS Jacksonville personnel have been engaged globally while actively participating in the local communities within Northeast Florida, continuing their professional development and nurturing their families.

NAS Jacksonville personnel have a dynamic and flexible presence around the world, which contributes to the unique strengths of the U.S. Navy. Its sailors and civilian workforce play a pivotal role in ensuring the security, prosperity and vital interests of the U.S. and her allies. Focused directly on support to operational units, air station personnel work around the clock providing services to their home-based squadrons as well as supporting numerous detachments, joint commands, government agencies and carrier readiness sustainment exercises. The NAS Jacksonville team continues to work in partnership with the City of Jacksonville, surrounding counties and local citizens to limit encroachment through compatible land use around Naval Outlying Landing Field Whitehouse and the Pinecastle Range Complex.

Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) was commissioned in 1942. Covering more than 3,400 acres, it is the third largest fleet concentration area in the continental United States. Currently, NS Mayport's harbor is capable of holding 34 ships and has an 8,000-foot runway that can handle any DoD aircraft. The station's airfield is operated and maintained by Naval Station Mayport's Air Operations Department and conducts more than 100,000 helicopter and fixed-wing flights each year. Military passenger flights are available through the air terminal, which processes about 13,000 passengers each year. The naval station has more than 80 tenant commands, six helicopter squadrons and 22 naval ships.

The Navy's \$1.3 billion **Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay (NSB Kings Bay)**, located just 35 miles north of Jacksonville in Camden County, Georgia, is a part of the Jacksonville military community. The nearly 17,000-acre installation is the only Navy base on the East Coast capable of supporting the Trident II (D-5) Missile, an integral part of our nation's strategic deterrence program. Currently, the base berths eight Ohio-class submarines and employs more than 8,000 military and civilian personnel.

The **United States Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville** is located on six acres of land, adjacent to NS Mayport. Sector Jacksonville is accountable for 40,000 square miles of ocean and inland waterways, including 190 miles of coastline from Kings Bay, Georgia to Port Malabar, Florida. All Coast Guard missions that fall into this area are Sector Jacksonville's responsibility. The unit utilizes Multi-Mission Mayport and Security Detachment Mayport, as well as Station Ponce de Leon Inlet and Station Cape Canaveral to successfully cover this large area of responsibility.

For information on military-friendly businesses on the First Coast, pick up a copy of the *Military Money Saver* magazine, which contains discounts exclusive to military members and their families who reside in the area. It also contains valuable information about each naval base, including maps and phone numbers to help military families settle in. For more information, visit www.militarymoneysavermag.com.





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TRANSPORTATION

The First Coast has many roads and highways that make it easy and convenient for residents to get where they need to go, so long as they know the ropes.

ROADS

As a newcomer to an area, one of the more frustrating things can be when locals give you directions and refer to roads by names that you are not familiar with. The First Coast has many roads and highways that make it easy and convenient for residents to get where they need to go, so long as they know the ropes. For example, you need to get to the end of Roosevelt Boulevard, but when the directions you have tell you to take Park Avenue, it can become quite confusing if you don't know that they are in fact the same road. To help new residents with the challenge of learning a new town, we have provided the common alternative names for some of the major roadways.

U.S. 1 also known as ... New Kings Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway, Philips Highway and Dixie Highway

U.S. 17 also known as ... Main Street, Roosevelt Boulevard and Park Avenue

U.S. 90 also known as ... Beach Boulevard

State Road 10 also known as ... Atlantic Boulevard

State Road 13 also known as ... Hendricks Avenue and San Jose Boulevard

State Road 202 also known as ... JTB, John Turner Butler and Butler Boulevard

State Road A1A also known as ... State Road 200 and Third Street

I-295 East Beltway formerly known as ... State Road 9A

By car, downtown Jacksonville is:

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50 minutes from historic St. Augustine

Two and a half hours from Orlando

Six hours from Atlanta



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access to locations all over the First Coast. JTA also offers Community Shuttles with scheduled stops and premium curbside pickups by reservation. Community Shuttles run in the following areas: Arlington, the Beaches, Cecil Commerce Center, Dinsmore-River City Marketplace, Edgewood, Golfbrook, Mandarin, Northside, Ortega-NAS and Talleyrand.

Trolley – JTA's trolley lines offer increased transportation flexibility in and around Riverside and at the Beaches. The Riverside Trolley links Downtown and Riverside. The fare is \$0.75. The Beaches Trolley provides transportation between Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach. The fare is \$1.50. All trolley transport is free for seniors.

Skyway – The Skyway is an automated transit system for easy and convenient access around downtown Jacksonville. Trains depart every three minutes during peak times and every three to six minutes at other times. The Skyway is inter-connected with the trolley system to provide transportation to a more expanded area of downtown Jacksonville.

BRIDGES

The First Coast is home to many bodies of water, including rivers, the largest of which is the St. Johns River. Seven major bridges cross the St. Johns in the Jacksonville area, shooting over the river like arcs from an enormous fountain. From northeast to southwest they are: Dames Point Bridge, Mathews Bridge, Hart Bridge, Main Street (John T. Alsop, Jr.) Bridge, Acosta Bridge, Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95) and the Buckman Bridge. Additionally, the Shands Bridge, near Green Cove Springs, connects St. Johns County with Clay County, where you can almost always find a fisherman or two trying their luck by casting a line off of the bridge.

North of Jacksonville, two bridges connect Amelia Island to Duval and Nassau counties—the Nassau Sound Bridge and the Thomas J. Shave, Jr. Bridge. The Nassau Sound Bridge is located on Heckscher Drive. The bridge crosses the Nassau Sound and connects Amelia Island to Duval County. The Thomas J. Shave, Jr. Bridge is located on A1A; it crosses the Intracoastal Waterway and connects Amelia Island to Yulee in Nassau County for a scenic commute.

The most well-known bridge in St. Johns County is the Bridge of Lions, which connects St. Augustine's historic district to Anastasia Island. The majestic bridge received its name from the two marble lion statues that are perched at the base of the bridge. The lions are stunning replicas of those at Florence's Loggia dei Lanzi. The Mickler O'Connell Bridge, also known as the State Road 312 Bridge, crosses the Matanzas River into Anastasia Island near Flagler Hospital. Another widely used bridge is the Vilano Beach Causeway, where State Road A1A crosses the Tolomato River.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (JTA)

www.jtafla.com

JTA is an independent state agency providing public transportation services. The agency also designs and constructs highways and bridges.

Bus – JTA manages all bus services in the greater Jacksonville area, with buses traveling more than 30 routes around Duval County. The JTA Paratransit offers door-to-door service for disabled and disadvantaged riders. JTA has Park-n-Ride lots around the city with express service to downtown Jacksonville. The Stadium Shuttle provides transportation to and from the stadium via two downtown and three suburban lots for sporting events. The Inter-County Shuttle Service connects with neighboring county transportation providers, including the Sunshine Bus Company in St. Augustine, to provide

SUNSHINE BUS COMPANY

www.sunshinebus.net

Sunshine Bus Company is St. Johns County's public transit and offers six different bus lines plus a connector throughout the county. The Purple Line connects with JTA at the Avenues Mall in Jacksonville. The Sunshine Bus operates Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., though the Connector and Purple Line have extended hours.



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Located approximately 15 miles west of downtown Jacksonville, **Cecil Airport** has easy access to air and rail connections as well as Jacksonville's deep-water port. Cecil Airport's facilities are ideally suited for aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul operations, as well as a variety of aviation-related industrial and commercial developments. In addition, Cecil Airport is a Federal Aviation Administration licensed spaceport. For more information, visit www.cecilairport.com.

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Jacksonville Executive at Craig Airport (JAXEX) is located on the Southside, near office parks and downtown. JAXEX provides convenient access to corporate travelers flying in and out of the city. With JAXEX serving as the business reliever airport for the region, JAX can focus primarily on commercial activity. For more information, visit www.flyjaxex.com.

Three First Coast airports lie outside of Jacksonville. In Nassau County, the **Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport (FBMA)** serves Amelia Island. The airport is located approximately three miles south of the downtown historic district of Fernandina Beach and less than two miles from Amelia Island's beaches, hotels, vacation rentals and resort accommodations. The airport has three runways, all more than 5,000 feet in length. FBMA also offers convenient access to Jacksonville, approximately 25 miles to the south. For more information, visit www.fbfl.us/airport.

Keystone Heights Airport (42J) serves travelers in Clay and Bradford counties and is located 43 nautical miles southwest of Jacksonville International Airport. The airport has two runways. For more information, visit www.keystoneairport.com.

Northeast Florida Regional Airport (KSGJ or UST) is located in St. Johns County, four miles north of St. Augustine. The airport is home to the county's largest for-profit employer, Northrop Grumman and, combined with other on-airport business, annually generates more than 4,000 jobs and almost half-a-billion dollars in economic benefit to the area. The facility is centered in a gateway market of 4.4 million passengers within a two-hour drive to the airport. The Northeast Florida Regional Airport is "the economic gateway to St. Johns County." For more information, visit www.flynf.com.

RAILROAD

PASSENGER

Amtrak provides passenger rail service in Jacksonville with a station near New Kings Road. Amtrak provides rail service throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.amtrak.com.

CARGO

Four companies provide freight rail services in the Jacksonville area. **Florida East Coast Railway (FEC)** has one major rail yard in Jacksonville, located off Philips Highway and J. Turner Butler Boulevard. The railway operates 351 miles of mainline track along Florida's east coast with direct access to South Florida ports. The FEC connects to CSX and Norfolk Southern in Jacksonville and moves intermodal loads and carload commodities. For more information, visit www.fecrwy.com.

Norfolk Southern has a terminal off Edgewood Avenue. The corporation has access to every major sea, river and Great Lakes port in the eastern United States. Norfolk Southern ships agriculture products, automobiles, clothing, coal, electronics, furniture, lumber, machinery and paper. For more information, visit www.nscorp.com.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, **CSX** offers transloading and distribution services. The company has a vast network that serves major markets in the eastern United States with 21,000 miles of track and access to more than 70 terminals. The company also has access to Pacific ports through agreements with western railroads. For more information, visit www.csx.com.

Third-party logistics platform **Railex** ships produce and other perishable items in climate-controlled boxcars around the country and has a warehouse located in Jacksonville. Opened in June 2014, the new location has allowed Railex to offer expanded five-day refrigerated private rail shipping and additional third-party logistics. For more information, visit www.railex.com.

NAUTICAL

JAXPORT

Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT) supports more than 130,000 jobs related to port activity in the Jacksonville area, which creates an economic impact of almost \$27 billion annually. JAXPORT has three cargo terminals—Blount Island, Talleyrand and Dames Point. TraPac Container Terminal, at the Dames Point terminal, offers direct containership service between Jacksonville and ports throughout Asia. For more information, visit www.jaxport.com.

CRUISE LINES

In 2015, **Carnival Cruise Line** celebrated 12 years of cruise ships departing from the JAXPORT Cruise Terminal, located northwest of the Dames Point Bridge. In 2012, a study found that Jacksonville's cruise business generated 460 new jobs and more than \$67 million in annual economic impact for Northeast Florida. For more information, visit www.carnival.com.



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PORT OF FERNANDINA

The **Port of Fernandina** is operated by Nassau Terminals, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan. They provide terminal service to more than 10 paper and pulp producers in Florida and the Southeast and several steel mills. The port supports several independent container lines that serve the Caribbean and Latin America. The port's principle exports are steel products, liner board and lumber. Principle imports are wood pulp, lumber and hardwoods. For more information, visit www.portoffernandina.org.

FERRY

The **St. Johns River Ferry**, also known as the Mayport Ferry, transports passengers and vehicles across the St. Johns River. The ferry service began in 1948 and was owned and operated by the state of Florida. Today, the St. Johns River Ferry is a car and passenger ferry that connects the north and south ends of Florida State Road A1A in Duval County, linking Mayport Village and Fort George Island via a scenic sail across the St. Johns River. The 0.9 mile voyage crosses the St. Johns River 2.5 miles inland of the river's mouth and departs every half hour. For more information, visit www.stjohnsriverferry.com.



Photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

The **Jacksonville Water Taxi** provides transportation across the St. Johns River in downtown Jacksonville. The taxi service has been Jacksonville's premier water transportation provider for more than 20 years. Today, there are four stops that provide water taxi service to the downtown area. These boats are perfect for transportation or a leisurely boat ride around the river. Special services and hours are provided for Jaguars games and other downtown events. For more information, visit www.coj.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-and-community-programming.aspx.



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Jacksonville offers countless sporting events, including the Jaguars, one of only 32 National Football League (NFL) teams nationwide. We enjoy baseball with the Suns, arena football with the Sharks, and annual events like THE PLAYERS Championship and TaxSlayer Bowl. There is no shortage of cultural activities throughout the year with numerous nationally recognized museums, thriving performing arts and downtown's Art Walk.





Stand up paddleboarding, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

SURF & SAND

The beaches communities along Northeast Florida's coastline are welcoming and friendly, and offer endless opportunities to enjoy the sand, surf and sunshine.

the miles of shoreline connecting the coastal communities in Northeast Florida offer a beach for every personality and lifestyle.

The barrier islands east of the Intracoastal Waterway are home to Jacksonville Beach and the communities of Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Mayport to the north and Ponte Vedra Beach to the south. The shoreline attracts swimmers and surfers as well as those who enjoy sunning and playing in the sand. These beach communities offer a classic relaxed beach lifestyle, yet are minutes from entertainment and employment centers.

Jacksonville Beach, also known as Jax Beach, is a family-friendly destination with a popular beachfront for sunning and surfing. Jax Beach is home to an iconic fishing pier where residents can try their luck and catch some amazing ocean views. The Jacksonville Beach Central Business District has numerous public spaces including Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavilion, a gathering place for concerts, movies and other special events.

Nearby, Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach offer a more laid-back vibe. The communities are home to the Beaches Town Center, a pedestrian-friendly area that's home to numerous boutiques and restaurants. The area is a haven for foodies with culinary delights ranging from burgers and tacos to fine dining.

Further north is the village of Mayport, a historic fishing community located at the mouth of the St. Johns River and well known for its shrimp and shrimp boats. From Mayport, cross the St. Johns River via the St. Johns River Ferry, also known as the Mayport Ferry, one of the last remaining car ferries in Florida. The quick five-minute trip is the gateway to natural attractions including the unspoiled beaches of Big Talbot Island and Little Talbot Island state parks, Kingsley Plantation and Fort George Island. The area is a hot spot for boaters, beachgoers

and eco-tourists, offering access to tidal marshes for bird watching, horseback riding and kayaking. Boaters will find easy access to the Atlantic Ocean from Mayport's large public boat ramp, just a mile from the mouth of the river, or from the boat ramp on the Intracoastal Waterway in Jacksonville Beach.

To the south is Ponte Vedra Beach in St. Johns County, which is known for its palm-fringed coquina beaches, five-star resorts and world-class golf courses. Ponte Vedra Beach is home to THE PLAYERS Championship, a PGA Tour event that brings golf's greatest to the prestigious seaside community to compete for one of the most coveted titles in golf. While much of Ponte Vedra's beach is private, Mickler's Landing offers public access. Beyond the beach, nature lovers are drawn to the GTM Research Reserve for kayaking and viewing wildlife such as egrets and alligators.

The beaches are a cultural mecca for the arts and home to the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre, Players by the Sea and the Beaches Fine Arts Series. Jacksonville Beach and the Beaches Town Center present monthly art walk events. Numerous beaches galleries, including the J. Johnson Gallery and the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, showcase visual artists, and regional and national artists perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

The beaches offer top-performing public and private schools. Jacksonville's beaches communities have their own local governments, and there is an active Beaches Division of the JAX Chamber engaging the area's business community.

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BEACHES & *Waterways*

White sandy beaches and cool waters beckon visitors and residents to relax in the sunshine. Part of what makes the First Coast unique is all the different bodies of water. With miles of pristine coastlines, untouched marshes, flowing rivers and calm lakes, the First Coast offers endless opportunities to enjoy a day by the water—salt or fresh. Take a glimpse at the various beaches and beachside parks, as well as important waterways in Northeast Florida.

BEACHES

DUVAL COUNTY

Of the three major beach communities, Atlantic Beach is the northernmost in Duval County. Spend the day paddle boarding, kayaking, surfing or fishing among many other saltwater activities.

North of Atlantic Beach is the historic fishing village of Mayport. Further north is Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, which many locals say has the best surfing waves in Northeast Florida.

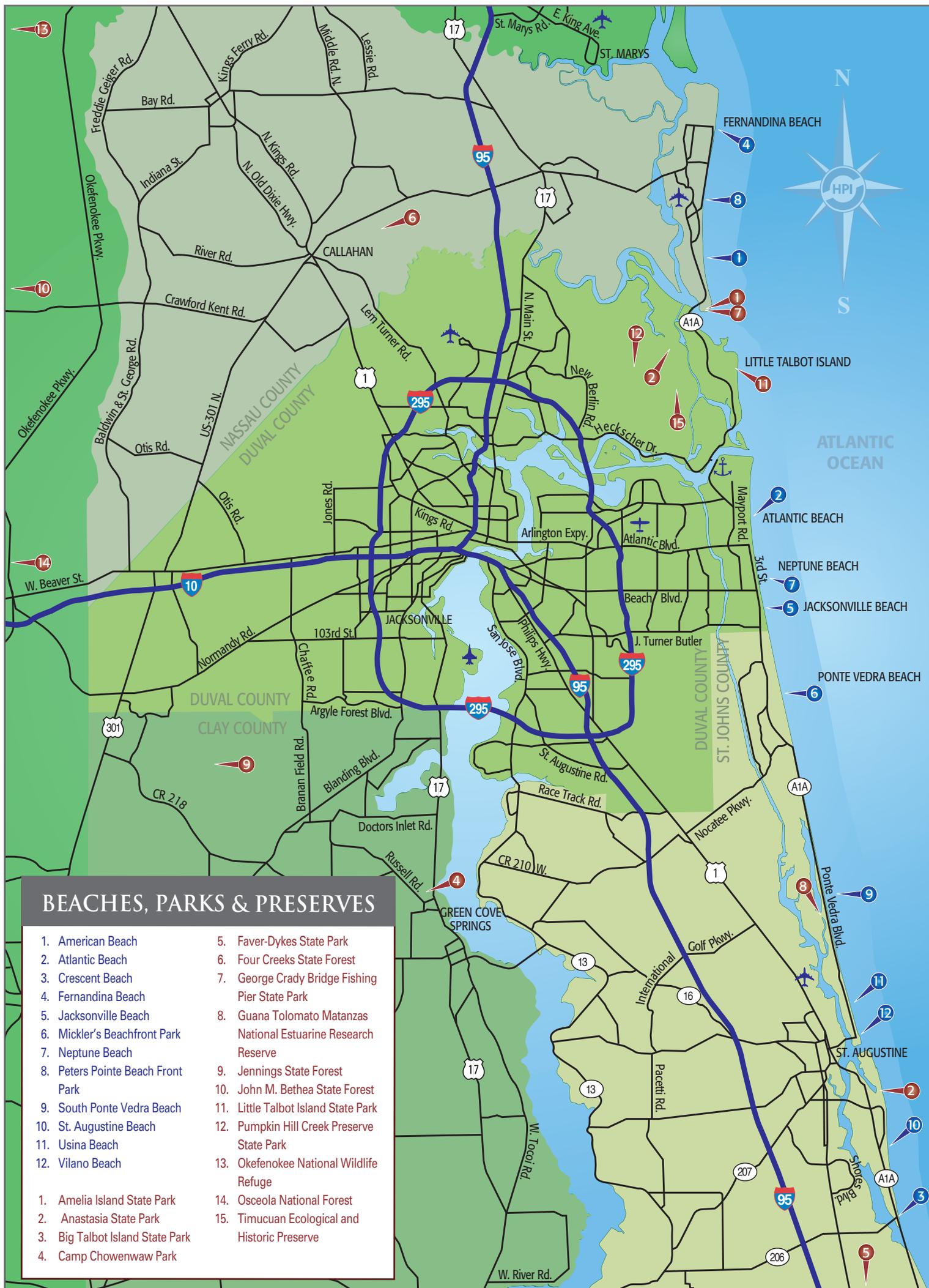
South of Atlantic Beach is the quaint city of Neptune Beach. The Beaches Town Center, in the heart of Neptune Beach, is located where Atlantic Boulevard meets the ocean and connects Atlantic and Neptune beaches. The Beaches Town Center is the cultural center of

Atlantic and Neptune beaches, and hosts events such as Dancin' in the Street and offers a wide variety of trendy shops, restaurants and bars.

Jacksonville Beach is situated between the towns of Neptune and Ponte Vedra Beach. With public beach access and nearby parking, Jacksonville Beach is a favorite spot for local surfers, families and vacationers. The area is known for its many events like the Beaches Parade, which draws vendors, guests and residents from all over the First Coast. Jacksonville Beach also has plenty of beachside dining, bars and shops.

NASSAU COUNTY

Located in the northern part of the First Coast, Amelia Island is a barrier island boasting 13 miles of sandy, white beach. The coastal city of Fernandina Beach is located on Amelia Island. Residents and visitors enjoy Fernandina's pristine beaches for sunbathing, beachcombing and horseback riding. South of Fernandina Beach is American Beach, which was created as a vacation destination for African-Americans during the time of racial segregation. This beach is rich with history and, as of January 2002, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Peters Point Beachfront Park is located on Amelia Island and offers biking and jogging trails, picnic areas and ocean boat access.



- ### BEACHES, PARKS & PRESERVES
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| 1. American Beach | 5. Faver-Dykes State Park |
| 2. Atlantic Beach | 6. Four Creeks State Forest |
| 3. Crescent Beach | 7. George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park |
| 4. Fernandina Beach | 8. Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve |
| 5. Jacksonville Beach | 9. Jennings State Forest |
| 6. Mickler's Beachfront Park | 10. John M. Bethea State Forest |
| 7. Neptune Beach | 11. Little Talbot Island State Park |
| 8. Peters Pointe Beach Front Park | 12. Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park |
| 9. South Ponte Vedra Beach | 13. Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge |
| 10. St. Augustine Beach | 14. Osceola National Forest |
| 11. Usina Beach | 15. Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve |
| 12. Vilano Beach | |
| 1. Amelia Island State Park | |
| 2. Anastasia State Park | |
| 3. Big Talbot Island State Park | |
| 4. Camp Chowenwaw Park | |

SURF & SAND

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Johns County has 40 miles of beautiful coastline, and the community of Ponte Vedra Beach is located along the northern portion of the county. This coastal community has various beach access points. South Ponte Vedra Beach's shore is beautifully lined with sand dunes. If you're looking for shark's teeth and shells, this is the beach for you. Also in Ponte Vedra, Mickler's Landing is a popular beach access destination for surfers and families. Mickler's also has restrooms, showers and allows visitors to comb the beach on horseback.

Located in the historic city of St. Augustine is St. Augustine Beach. The beach is home to the St. Johns County Ocean Pier and also offers a visitor center, showers, a splash park and a pavilion. Also in

BEACH NEED TO KNOW

American Beach, 530-6120

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas; non-residents need a pass

Atlantic Beach, 247-5828

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Not permitted

Crescent Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

Fernandina Beach, 277-7300

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Not permitted

Jacksonville Beach, 247-6236

Dogs: Permitted on leash before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Cars: Not permitted

Mickler's Beachfront Park, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas

Neptune Beach, 270-2400

Dogs: Permitted on leash before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m.

Cars: Not permitted

Peters Point Beachfront Park, 530-6120

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Permitted in certain areas; non-residents need a pass

South Ponte Vedra Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Not permitted

St. Augustine Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

Usina Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

Vilano Beach, 209-0331

Dogs: Permitted on leash

Cars: Seasonally with pass

St. Augustine are Usina and Vilano beaches. Both allow visitors to drive on the beach, with a permit, and are ideal for beachcombing, wakeboarding and surfing. Vilano Beach is equipped with public restrooms, a dune walkover, covered picnic tables, showers and a popular Jet Ski launching spot. Located on Anastasia Island, three miles south of St. Augustine Beach, is Crescent Beach, which offers horseback riding with a permit, as well as pavilions, picnic tables and showers.

WATERWAYS

THE INTRACOASTAL

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway stretches more than 1,200 miles from Norfolk, Virginia to Key West, Florida. The waterway runs through the First Coast and can be accessed by both commercial and recreational vessels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains the waterway, which is used by the U.S. Coast Guard, military equipment and supply transportation barges and vessels, as well as commercial and charter fishing vessels, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels, the Department of Energy research vessels, dredging vessels and other watercraft.

The Atlantic Intracoastal's saltwater rivers, inlets, sounds and man-made canals are open to recreational vessels providing opportunities to explore the many natural wonders the area has to offer. Residents can enjoy sailing, kayaking, jet skiing, tubing, boating and other leisure activities.

ST. JOHNS RIVER

Among the wealth of rivers on the First Coast, the largest is the St. Johns River, which spans 310 miles from Indian River County to Mayport. The St. Johns is the longest river in Florida and is one of the few in the U.S. that flows north. It provides a variety of activities for residents and visitors looking to spend a day by the lazy river. Boaters can enjoy fishing, sightseeing, riverside parks and even restaurants with boat docks. In Jacksonville, some of the biggest annual events take place on the river, such as fireworks for the Fourth of July and the Jacksonville Light Boat Parade.

In other parts of the First Coast, rivers provide an excellent escape for those who enjoy quiet camping and scenic boating. Visitors can find themselves surrounded by not only wildlife but also rich history. On Amelia River, boaters can cruise by historic landmarks such as Fort Clinch State Park. In St. Johns County, the Tolomato and Guana rivers surround Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve—believed to be where Ponce de León first landed in Florida. Further south in St. Augustine, sail around the Matanzas Bay and River to see spectacular views of the Castillo de San Marcos, the Bridge of Lions and the St. Augustine Lighthouse.

Chairs on American Beach, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council





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PARKS & PRESERVES

When it comes to playing outdoors, there is something for anyone and everyone.

With a multitude of natural parks and preserves encompassing sandy beaches, marshes, creeks and islands, Northeast Florida is just waiting to be explored.

Visitors to the First Coast's parks and preserves will get a true taste of the real Florida. Along with precious protected lands are a multitude of birds that are native to Florida, including storks, cranes, cormorants, song birds and spoonbills. The 2,000-mile Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail is a self-guided trail designed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Spots on the First Coast include many of our state parks, forests and preserves.

Our area is fortunate enough to have the largest urban park system in the country, with more than 80,000 acres of parks, along with 10 state and national parks and a national preserve. Whether you are looking to hike through a shaded trail, kayak down a creek, spot birds perched high in the trees or have a peaceful picnic, parks and preserves provide a perfect escape from the hustle and bustle of urban life. When it comes to playing outdoors, there is something for anyone and everyone. Get ready to enjoy the First Coast wilderness!

"Our area is fortunate enough to have the largest urban park system in the country ..."

BAKER COUNTY

John M. Bethea State Forest

259-2157
11656 SR 2, Sanderson
www.freshfromflorida.com

Black bears, river otters and bobcats, oh my! These and many other animals can be found on the 37,736-acre forest, which establishes a continuous wildlife corridor between the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and the Osceola National Forest. Visitors can enjoy the almost three miles of riverfront along the St. Marys River, where they can launch kayaks or canoes. Small ponds are sprinkled throughout the forest, providing serene fishing areas in addition to the river.

Osceola National Forest

386-752-2577
24874 US Hwy. 90, Sanderson
www.fs.usda.gov/osceola

Nearly 200,000 acres of forested woodlands and swamps await exploration in this Baker County treasure. The forest provides a wide range of recreational activities for residents and visitors including camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, hunting and wildlife viewing. The forest is home to swamp dwelling American alligators in addition to the Florida black bear. Some recreational activities require a pass or permit.



WILD & WONDERFUL CREATURES OF THE FIRST COAST

Nothing says Florida like an alligator nonchalantly exploring your patio or a Florida Black Bear poking his nose into the garbage cans, but for most of us this is thankfully a scenario that we will only rarely see on the news and not in our own backyards. While gator spotting at your home might be rare, if one does chance upon your property, providing food for wild animals is the best way to ensure they stick around.

Here are some of Northeast Florida's wild and wonderful creatures, most of which are best explored at one of our many state parks and preserves.



Florida Black Bear



Bottlenose Dolphin



Bald Eagle



Armadillo



Florida Panther



Shark



Coral Snake



Turtle



American Alligator



Grasshopper



Pygmy Rattlesnake



Wood Stork



Bobcat



Wolf Spider



Water Moccasin



Osprey



Otter



Blue Heron



Lizard



Pelican



Manatee



Egret



Love Bug

CLAY COUNTY

Camp Chowenwaw Park

529-8058
1517 Ball Rd., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountygov.com/departments/parks-and-recreation

Located south of Fleming Island, this Clay County treasure sits on 150 acres between Black Creek and Peters Creek. Visitors to Camp Chowenwaw might see alligators, deer, eagles, manatees, otters and tortoises among many other inhabitants. Visitors can stop by to go canoeing, fishing, hiking, swimming, picnicking, attend environmental classes or stay a bit longer in the park's camping facilities.

Jennings State Forest

291-5530
1337 Long Horn Rd., Middleburg
www.freshfromflorida.com

Jennings State Forest features 24,033 acres of more than 15 different natural biological communities including wetlands and uplands. Rare plants such as Bartram's Ixia can be spotted. The forest's three hiking trails, horse trails and primitive campgrounds make Jennings State Forest a great place to get back to nature. The forest is open during daylight hours for hiking, bicycling, fishing, canoeing, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Hunting and fishing are regulated and limited to defined dates.

DUVAL – NORTH

Amelia Island State Park

251-2320
SR A1A N., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/park/amelia-island

Visitors can catch a glimpse of the original Florida beauty seen in the beaches, salt marshes and coastal maritime forests. Amelia Island has become a favorite for horseback riders, as it is the only Florida state park that offers horseback riding on its beaches. The park is also a great spot for fishing, shelling and wildlife viewing.

Big Talbot Island State Park

251-2320
SR A1A N., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/park/big-talbot-island

Primarily a nature preserve ideal for bird-watching and photography, Big Talbot Island State Park provides an opportunity to explore a natural sea island preserve by boat or on foot. Set up a picnic at one of the park's pavilions or stroll down to Boneyard Beach, where visitors will see the eerie salt-washed skeletons of live oak and cedar trees that once grew on the shore. The park's hiking trails lead explorers to the shoreline or through the marshland. Fishing and kayaking tours are available through Kayak Amelia.

George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park

251-2320
SR A1A S., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/park/george-crady-bridge

This mile-long fishing bridge spans Nassau Sound and provides pedestrians with access to one of the best fishing areas in Northeast Florida. Visitors can reel in a variety of fish, including whiting, jack, drum and tarpon. Access to the bridge is through Amelia Island State Park. The bridge is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Little Talbot Island State Park

251-2320
12157 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/park/little-talbot-island

More than five miles of white, sandy beaches, desert-like dunes and undisturbed salt marshes, Little Talbot Island State Park is an ideal retreat in northern Duval. Nature lovers can see river otters, marsh rabbits, bobcats and a variety of native and migratory birds in the park, which is one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands in Northeast Florida. The park features a full-facility campground, kayak rentals and guided paddle tours.

Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park

696-5980
13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/park/pumpkin-hill

One of the largest contiguous areas of coastal uplands, this state park's estuarine ecosystem protects the Nassau and St. Johns rivers. Abundant with wildlife, visitors to Pumpkin Hill can find animals ranging from the American alligator to the endangered wood stork. Equestrians, hikers and off-road bicyclists can explore five miles of multi-use trails that wind through the park. Pumpkin Hill's salt marsh is also a great place for visitors to launch kayaks for a serene afternoon on the water.

Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve

641-7155
12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville
www.nps.gov/foca

One of the last unspoiled coastal wetlands on the Atlantic Coast, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve takes visitors on a journey that goes as far back as 6,000 years. Salt marshes, coastal dunes and hardwood hammocks are just as pristine as they were when the Timucuan tribe lived there. The preserve includes several facilities for visitors to explore in addition to the preserve's lush natural resources. The Fort Caroline National Memorial offers a look at the short-lived French presence in 16th century Florida. The Timucuan Preserve Visitor Center showcases the natural environment in Northeast Florida and how humans have interacted with that environment for thousands of years; and the Kingsley Plantation provides a look at 19th century plantation life. The planter's house at Kingsley Plantation, a unit of the Timucuan Preserve, is the oldest plantation house still standing in Florida.



Mockingbird in Four Creeks State Forest, photo courtesy of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services



Big Tabot Island, photo courtesy of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

NASSAU COUNTY

Four Creeks State Forest

845-4933
3742 Clint Dr., Hilliard
www.freshfromflorida.com

Named after the four water systems that course through its boundaries, Alligator, Thomas, Boggy and Plummer creeks, this Nassau County property includes 10,959 acres. Residents can watch this natural treasure come to fruition as the Florida Forest Service carries out its five-year plan to establish a first-rate recreational system in the forest that will include trail systems and campgrounds. However, visitors can still hike, fish, kayak and bike throughout Four Creeks.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

912-496-7836
2700 Suwannee Canal Rd., Folkston, GA
www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee

Wild, mysterious and expansive, Native Americans called the region Okefenokee, meaning “land of the trembling Earth.” Though the East Entrance of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is technically in Georgia, this unique southern wilderness swamp spills over the border into Northeast Florida. As one of the world’s largest intact freshwater ecosystems, the refuge encompasses almost 400,000 acres of cypress forest, marsh, lakes and islands. Visitors can see alligators, sandhill cranes and red-cockaded woodpeckers, in addition to more than 400 other animal species. Witness the vast refuge through a guided boat tour, or strike out on foot using the park’s winding boardwalks and trails, which feature observation towers and viewing platforms.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Anastasia State Park

461-2033
300 Anastasia Park Rd., St. Augustine
www.floridastateparks.org/park/anastasia

The site provides a unique look into the ingenuity that defended Spanish claims in the New World for more than 300 years. Anastasia State Park includes more than four miles of pristine beach, a tidal salt marsh, and a maritime and upland hammock. Visitors can search for seashells, hike a trail, set up a picnic, catch some waves (and rays), and more at this beach retreat. There is also a full-facility campground for those looking to stay a little longer. Also in the park—an archeological site where coquina rock was mined to create the nearby Castillo de San Marcos fortress.

Faver-Dykes State Park

794-0997
1000 Faver-Dykes Rd., St. Augustine
www.floridastateparks.org/park/faver-dykes

This tranquil park bordering Pellicer Creek is a popular site for bird-watching. More than 100 species can be seen and heard during spring and fall migrations, including colorful wood warblers, eagles, falcons, wading birds, wood storks and herons. Other activities at the park include fishing, picnicking, nature walks and canoeing. A full-facility campground is also available for overnight stays.

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

823-4500
505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm

Located halfway between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, the 73,352-acre preserve offers fishing, hunting, bird-watching and hiking. A protected area for a wide variety of fish and wildlife, the preserve features miles of scenic road through marshes, coastal xeric shrub and flatwoods available for hiking, biking and horseback riding.



Photo Courtesy of Armada FC Public Relations

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CLAY COUNTY

bestbet Poker Room at Orange Park

646-0001
455 Park Ave., Orange Park
www.bestbetjax.com

Bestbet Poker Room at Orange Park has something to offer both accomplished poker players and beginners. With 40 tables of games and a conveniently located facility, gamblers can play Texas Hold 'em, Seven Card Stud and Omaha along with daily tournaments.

Kilted Golf Tournament

[February 20, 2016]
725-5744
Magnolia Point Golf Club
3670 Clubhouse Dr., Green Cove Springs
www.neflgames.com

The annual Kilted Golf Tournament celebrates the tradition of golf in Scotland. This event is sponsored by the Jacksonville Scottish Highland Games, which also puts on the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival.

DUVAL COUNTY

Jacksonville Ultimate League

www.jaxul.usetopscore.com

The Jacksonville Ultimate League (JUL) is a recreational co-ed Ultimate Frisbee league. There are three seasons for JUL: winter, spring and summer. The JUL also features different pick-up games at various places in Jacksonville, great for beginners and anyone who loves the game.

DUVAL - BEACHES

Beaches Fine Arts Sprint Series & Olympic Triathlon

[July 9, 2016]
270-1771
Naval Station Mayport, Jacksonville
www.bfasracing.org

Since 1986, the Beaches Fine Arts Sprint Series & Olympic Triathlon events have been celebrated on the First Coast. The sprint distances include a .25-mile ocean swim, a 14-mile bike race and a 3.1-mile run. The Olympic distances include a .93-mile swim, a 21-mile bike race and a 6.2-mile run. There is also a triathlon for children at the Nocatee Aquatic Center. The triathlon series helps raise money for the free performances, art exhibits and educational outreach programs that are offered through the Beaches Fine Arts Series.



Suns photo courtesy of Jay Metz

DUVAL – NORTH

Florida State College at Jacksonville BlueWave

646-2202

4501 Capper Rd. (North Campus), Jacksonville

11901 Beach Blvd. (South Campus), Jacksonville

www.gobluewave.com

Florida State College at Jacksonville offers a diverse program of intercollegiate sports. At the college's South Campus, the athletic program includes women's tennis and volleyball as well as men's and women's basketball. At the North Campus, the athletic program offers baseball and softball. Florida State College is part of the Mid-Florida Conference of the Florida College System Activities Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament

[July 18-23, 2016]

251-3011

Jim King Park and Boat Ramp at Sisters Creek

8203 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville

www.kingfishtournament.com

The general tournament is the largest kingfish tournament in the country and a long-standing tradition for First Coast residents. More than just a fishing tournament, this week-long event includes activities such as a food festival, live entertainment, boat displays and a boutique, which features unique merchandise. There is also a Junior Angler Tournament for those under 15.

WALKS, RUNS AND RIDES

26.2 With Donna the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer

355-7465

www.breastcancermarathon.com

This national marathon to finish breast cancer also includes a half marathon and relay. Proceeds from the event benefit The Donna Foundation and Mayo Clinic.

Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore

332-6810

bikefn.nationalmssociety.org

Join for a one or two-day ride that raises funds for local multiple sclerosis (MS) programs and national MS research. Route options include the 36-mile, 59-mile, 72-mile, 83-mile, 95-mile, 119-mile or the 166-mile.

Children's Tumor Foundation NF Walk

212-344-6633, ext. 6691

www.ctf.org/nf-walk

This annual walk raises funds for donation to neurofibromatosis (NF) through the Children's Tumor Foundation. It includes an NF Hero Dash and NF Walk which is approximately 2.2 miles.

Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville Buddy Walk

353-6300

www.dsaj.org/buddywalk.php

This annual one-mile walk benefits local and national organizations and programs for those with Down syndrome.

First Coast Heart Walk

256-5732

www.firstcoastheartwalk.kintera.org

The three-mile walk raises funds and awareness for the fight against heart disease and stroke. There is also a one-mile walk for survivors.

Gate River Run

731-1900

www.gate-riverrun.com

Be a part of the largest 15K in the nation. Runners can choose to participate in the USA 15K Championship, a 5K or a one-mile Junior River Run.

Jacksonville Bank Marathon, Half Marathon & 5K

731-1900

www.1stplacesports.com/jm.html

Choose from a marathon, half-marathon or "freedom" 5K. There is a six-hour course limit for this event. Runners can qualify for the next two annual Boston Marathons.

Katie Ride for Life

491-0811

www.katiecaples.org/events

This event raises funds and awareness for organ donation. The cycling and walking events offer courses of varying distances.

Light the Night Walk

322-6414

www.lightthenight.org/ncfl

Join this Leukemia & Lymphoma Society event that raises funds for and awareness of various blood cancers. Walkers that raise more than \$100 carry illuminated balloons.

Jacksonville Dixie Blues

Sheffield Regional Park
3659 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville
<http://jaxdixieblues.teamwebsitehosting.com>

The Jacksonville Dixie Blues are a professional women's tackle football team founded in 2001. They are members of the Women's Football Alliance, which has 42 other teams in the U.S. To give back to the community, the team's annual Pink Game benefits The Donna Foundation.

Jacksonville University Dolphins

256-7400
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
www.judolphins.com

The Jacksonville University Dolphins have an impressive athletic department with teams in a wide range of sports. The Dolphins men's teams include cross country, baseball, basketball, football, golf, rowing, lacrosse and soccer. Women's teams include basketball, cross country, rowing, lacrosse, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball and beach volleyball.

DUVAL – SOUTH**Jacksonville Axemen Rugby League**

1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaxaxe.com

The Jacksonville Axemen are a part of the USA Rugby League, which consists of 14 other regional teams. Home games are played at the University of North Florida (UNF) soccer fields, which are adjacent to Hodges Stadium located on UNF's campus.

Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex

399-3223
3605 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville
www.jaxiceandsportsplex.com

The 100,000-square-foot facility offers a range of recreational activities and sports. The Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex houses a regulation-size NHL ice rink for public skating, hockey and figure skating. The Sportsplex side of the facility offers six basketball courts, six volleyball courts and a multi-purpose turf arena.

Jacksonville RollerGirls

Skate Station Funworks Mandarin
3461 Kori Rd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillerollergirls.com

Formed in 2006, the Jacksonville RollerGirls is Jacksonville's first all-female, flat-track roller derby league. The league is comprised of more than 70 skaters among six different teams, including an all-star traveling team, the New Jax City Rollers. The RollerGirls were accepted into the Women's Flat Track Derby Association in December 2010. The RollerGirls are known for their volunteer efforts around the community.

Kona Skatepark

725-8770
8739 Kona Ave., Jacksonville
www.konaskatepark.com

Since 1977, Kona Skatepark has been a sanctuary for skaters. It is the longest surviving private skate park in the world. Open seven days a week, Kona welcomes skaters of all levels into the park. Every Friday, they host The Kona Games, where skateboarders can compete for prizes. They also offer summer camps for children who want to improve their skating skill.

The advertisement features the Jacksonville Armada Football Club logo at the top, which is a shield-shaped emblem with a blue background, a white anchor, and the words "JACKSONVILLE ARMADA FOOTBALL CLUB" in yellow and white. Below the logo, the text "FULL SPEED AHEAD TO THE 2016 NASL SEASON!" is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Further down, a dark blue box contains the text "SEASON TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE STARTING AT \$10 PER SEAT, PER MATCH." in white and yellow. At the bottom, another dark blue box contains the text "CALL 1.844.2.ARMADA OR VISIT ARMADAFCC.COM" in yellow and white.

GOLF COURSES



PUBLIC COURSES

CLAY COUNTY

1. Country Club of Orange Park.....276-7664
2. Eagle Harbor Golf Club.....269-9300
3. Eagle Landing Golf Club291-5600
4. Fleming Island Golf Club269-1440
5. Magnolia Point Golf & Country Club.....269-9276
6. River Bend Golf Links284-8777

DUVAL – BEACHES

7. Jacksonville Beach Golf Club.....247-6184
8. Windsor Parke Golf Club223-4653
9. Windy Harbor Golf Club.....270-5380

DUVAL – NORTH

10. Blue Cypress Golf Club.....762-1971
11. Blue Sky Golf Club446-2899
12. Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club220-2118

DUVAL – SOUTH

13. GolfPlex.....620-2050

DUVAL – WEST

14. Bent Creek Golf Course.....779-0800
15. Brentwood Golf Course924-0401
16. Cecil Field Golf Club778-5245
17. Hyde Park Golf Club.....786-5410

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18. Amelia River Golf Club491-8500
19. Deerfield Lakes Golf & Country Club.....879-1210
20. Fernandina Beach Golf Club.....310-3175
21. Golf Club at North Hampton, The548-0000

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22. Cimarrón Golf Club.....287-2000
23. Golf Club at South Hampton.....287-7529
24. Julington Creek Golf Club287-4653
25. Palm Valley Golf Club.....824-9279
26. Ponte Vedra Golf & Country Club at Sawgrass285-5552
27. Royal St. Augustine Golf and Country Club.....824-4653
28. St. Augustine Shores Golf Club.....794-4653
29. St. Johns Golf & Country Club940-3200

30. St. Johns Golf Club209-0350
31. TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley).....273-3235
32. TPC Sawgrass (The Players Stadium)273-3235
33. World Golf Village (King & Bear)940-6200
34. World Golf Village (Slammer & Squire).....940-6100



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DUVAL – BEACHES

1. Atlantic Beach Country Club.....372-2222

DUVAL – NORTH

2. Hidden Hills Country Club.....641-8121

DUVAL – SOUTH

3. Deercreek Country Club363-1507
4. Deerwood Country Club641-6100
5. Glen Kernan Golf & Country Club646-1116
6. Jacksonville Golf & Country Club223-5555
7. Pablo Creek Golf Club992-6900
8. San Jose Country Club.....733-2020

DUVAL – WEST

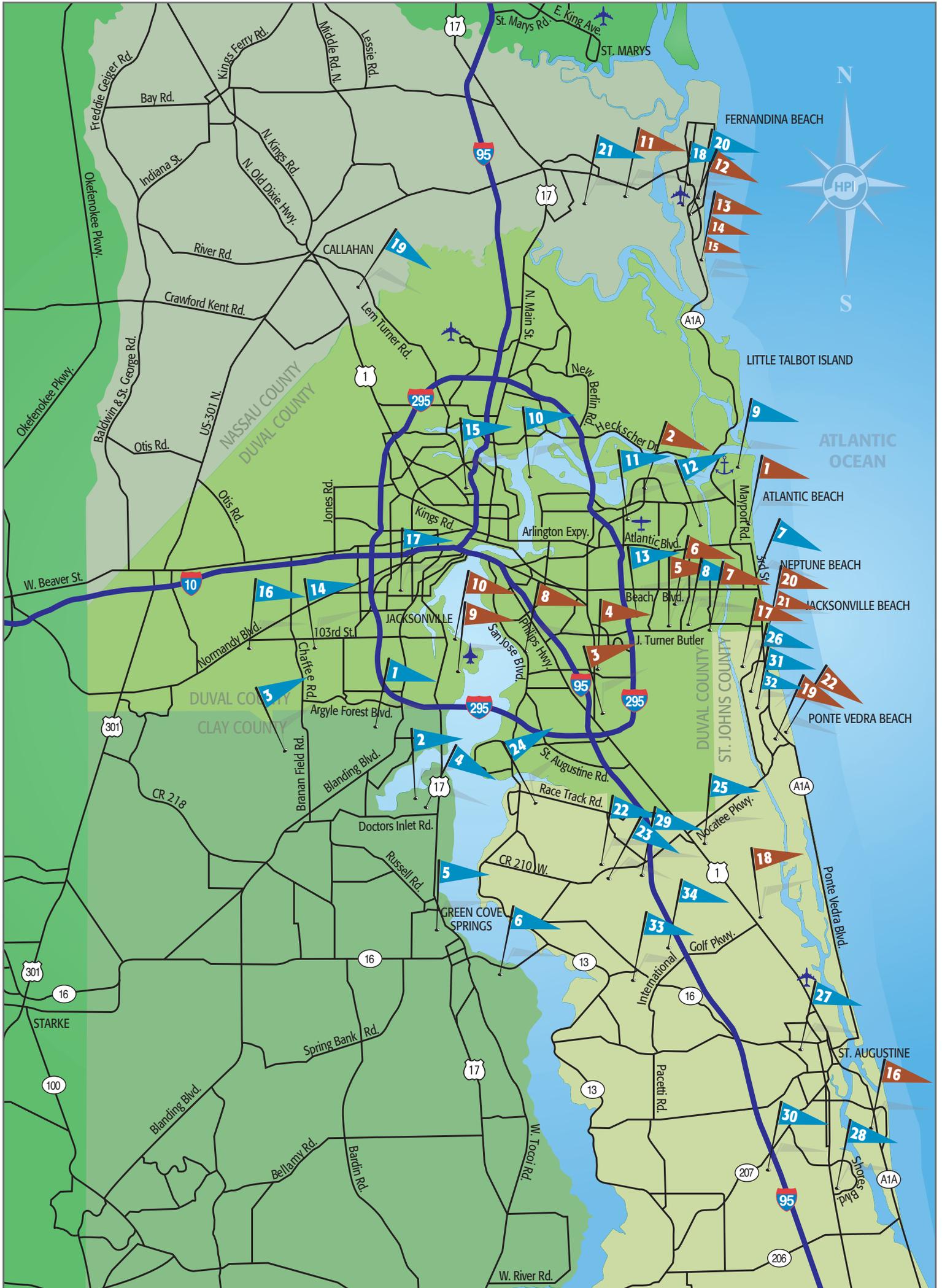
9. NAS Jacksonville Golf Club542-3249
10. Timuquana Country Club.....388-2664

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12. Golf Club of Amelia Island.....277-0012
13. Omni Amelia Island
Plantation Resort (Long Point)261-6161
14. Omni Amelia Island
Plantation Resort (Oak Marsh)261-6161
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17. Marsh Landing Country Club285-6459
18. Palencia Club, The.....599-9040
19. Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, The.....543-2999
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21. Ponte Vedra Inn & Club (Ocean).....285-1111
22. Sawgrass Country Club.....273-3700



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jaxsharkstickets.com

DUVAL – SOUTH

University of North Florida (UNF) Ospreys
 620-2833
 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville
www.unfospreys.com

UNF competes in NCAA Division I athletics as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference with various teams for men and women. The Ospreys men's teams include basketball, baseball, golf, cross country, soccer, tennis, and track and field. The women's teams include basketball, beach volleyball, softball, cross country, soccer, golf, swimming and diving, tennis, volleyball, and track and field.

DUVAL – WEST

Duval Panthers
www.uffofamerica.com

One of four minor league football teams on the First Coast, the Duval Panthers offer an opportunity for athletes to play organized football. The Panthers are part of the Gulf Coast Conference of the United Football Federation.

Edward Waters College (EWC) Tigers
 470-8276
 1658 Kings Rd., Jacksonville
www.ewc.edu/index.php/athletics

EWC participates in intercollegiate sports with membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. The college offers both men's and women's basketball, cross country, and track and field. The Tigers also have football, baseball, volleyball and softball.

Florida-Georgia Football Classic

[Oct. 29, 2016]
 800-985-3542 (weekend of event only)
 EverBank Field
 1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville
www.makeascenedowntown.com

This annual event showcases one of college football's biggest rivalries—the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs. The game has been played nearly every year since 1915, and has been held in Jacksonville since 1933. Fans enjoy camping in the famed RV City early in the week. Activities and events throughout the city lead up to the big game.

Jacksonville Armada Football Club

844-227-6232
 1 Independent Dr., Ste. 3131, Jacksonville
www.armadafc.com

The Jacksonville Armada Football Club is a North American Soccer League team that was founded in 2014. The Armada is part of the Sunshine Soccer Group, which is owned by CEO and founder Mark Frisch. They have spent their first season acclimating to their teammates and generating a fan base, aptly named Section 904. Home matches are played at Community First Park at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

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Jacksonville Equestrian Center

255-4254
13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxequestriancenter.com

The Jacksonville Equestrian Center is located on Jacksonville's Westside. Not only does the complex offer premier equestrian facilities, but it also accommodates a variety of community events. The center has a 150-foot by 300-foot indoor arena with a seating capacity of 3,700. Surrounding the main indoor arena, 80,000 square feet of concourse space includes vendors and concessions.

Jacksonville Giants

355-6531
Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillegiants.com

The Jacksonville Giants are part of the American Basketball Association (ABA). With more than 100 teams, the ABA is the largest professional basketball league. The Giants are a member of ABA's Southeast division.

Jacksonville Jaguars

633-2000
EverBank Field
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaguars.com

For more than 15 years, residents of the First Coast have had the opportunity to watch NFL action in their own backyard. The Jacksonville Jaguars are the 30th NFL franchise team and are part of the AFC South Division. Since their inception, the Jaguars have made six playoff appearances and have clinched two division championships. Off the field, players actively participate in the community through the Jaguars Foundation.

Jacksonville Sharks

621-0700
Sea Best Field at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxsharks.com

Since 2010, the Jacksonville Sharks have been part of the Arena Football League, which includes nine teams throughout the country. They are four-time South Division champions and ArenaBowl XXIV winners.



Jaxon de Ville and the Roar, photo courtesy of Carlos Olivera

SPORTS

Jacksonville Suns

358-2846
Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville
301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxsuns.com

The Suns are a Minor League Baseball team in Jacksonville. Famous players including Hank Aaron, Phil Niekro and Nolan Ryan played in Jacksonville before entering the Majors. Games are played from April to September at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

Jax X Men

477-7875
Mallison Park
www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/THEJAXXMEN

The Jax X Men are an amateur adult football team in Jacksonville. The X Men represent the Jacksonville area in the Florida Football Alliance (FFA). As a member of the FFA, the Jax X Men compete against several other teams throughout the state. The X Men are part of the NFC North division of the FFA.

Mug Race

[May 7, 2016]
264-4094
The Rudder Club of Jacksonville
8533 Malaga Ave., Jacksonville
www.rudderclub.com/mug.html

Hosted by the Rudder Club of Jacksonville, the Mug Race is the world's longest river race and a tradition on the First Coast. Sailboats participate in this racing event, with each boat receiving a start time based on the boat's size and potential speed. Boats race from Palatka to Jacksonville.

TaxSlayer Bowl

[January 2, 2016]
798-1700
EverBank Field
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville
www.taxslayerbowl.com

This annual college football game has been a tradition in Northeast Florida almost 70 years. The TaxSlayer Bowl, originally the Gator Bowl, is one of the oldest college football bowl games and was the first to be nationally televised.

NASSAU COUNTY

North Florida Motocross Park

504-2310
28422 Liberty Trl., Hilliard

Just north of Hilliard, the North Florida Motocross Park (NFMX) has three motorsport tracks available for practice and competition. The park is open for practice five days a week. The three tracks include a one-mile sand track, a one-mile clay track and a peewee track for the younger riders.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

THE PLAYERS Championship

[May 10-15, 2016]
273-3235
Stadium Course, TPC Sawgrass
110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach
www.tpc.com/sawgrass-the-players-championship

The Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass has been the site of THE PLAYERS Championship since 1982, offering a beautiful course and attracting the best in professional golf. The Stadium Course is home to one of the most recognizable holes in golf—the 17th hole. The 17th hole island green is TPC Sawgrass' signature hole and arguably the signature hole of the entire sport. Since 1977 THE PLAYERS has donated more than \$35 million to Northeast Florida charities.

Web.com Tour Championship

543-5294
Dye's Valley Course, TPC Sawgrass
110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach
www.webtourchampionship.com

Held at the Dye's Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass, the Web.com Tour Championship identifies players who are ready to compete on golf's biggest stage. As the official proving ground of the PGA TOUR, three out of four PGA TOUR members are Web.com Tour alumni.



62nd Mug Race, photo courtesy of Bud Newton



Ocean Links, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



Olustee, photo courtesy of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

HISTORICAL SITES & MUSEUMS

As home to one of the oldest cities in America, our roots go deep here on the First Coast. Spend the afternoon visiting one of the many museums and explore the rich history and culture our area has to offer.

BAKER COUNTY

Established in February 1861 on a segment of New River County (present-day Bradford), Baker County was named for Judge James McNair Baker, a Florida senator in the Confederate Congress and a judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Florida. Three years later, Union and Confederate armies clashed in a pine forest near Olustee in west Baker County. Shortly after the war, a young stockbroker from Chicago, George Taber, came to the Glen St. Mary area and entered the plant industry. In 1882, Taber began a partnership with Thomas Beath and formed the famed Glen St. Mary Nurseries Company, which is known for its horticultural developments, such as standardizing the varieties of oranges in the state's citrus industry. In 1886, the county seat was moved from Sanderson to Darbyville, which was later named McClenny after C.B. McClenny, a major local timber salesman. The spelling was changed to Macclenny for unknown reasons, though it has been said that post office regulations forbade a city from having a capital letter in the middle of its name.

Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park

386-758-0400
5815 Battlefield Trail Rd., Olustee
www.floridastateparks.org/park/olustee-battlefield

Florida's first historic site, Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park hosts reenactments each February commemorating the largest Civil War battle in the state, the Battle of Olustee. Fought on Feb. 20, 1864, more than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought in this five-hour battle. Three U.S. Colored Troops Regiments, including the famous 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, took part in the battle. The clash was the biggest Civil War battle in Florida with 2,807 casualties and a Union retreat to Jacksonville until the war ended just over a year later. Signs along the park's one-mile trail educate hikers about the battle.

CLAY COUNTY

In 1790, Spain made a land grant to Zephaniah Kingsley for the area now known as Orange Park and to George Fleming for the areas now known as Green Cove Springs and Fleming Island. During the 1800s, Kingsley and Fleming built plantations to grow oranges, sea-island cotton, corn, potatoes and peas. Due to conflict between the Spanish and American Patriots, these plantations were destroyed by fire multiple times. Kingsley and his wife, Anna, moved to a plantation on Fort George Island. Fleming rebuilt and eventually left the plantation to his son, Lewis, in 1821.

Clay County was incorporated in 1858 and named after Henry Clay, a famous politician from Kentucky. Middleburg was selected as the first county seat, as it had been an established city since the 1820s. The county's largest town, Orange Park, was founded in 1877 by the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company for the purpose of creating a Southern retreat and farming community. Since the area was marketed in Northern states, the company placed parcels of land among the orange trees to increase sales. The town was incorporated in 1879 by a Special Act of the Florida Legislature. In the early 1920s, the city of Keystone Heights was founded by newcomers from Pennsylvania. The city acquired its name from Pennsylvania's nickname, Keystone State, and was incorporated in April 1925.

Black Heritage Museum

282-4168
Hunter-Douglas Park, 4393 Longmire Rd., Middleburg
www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums

Dedicated to the lives of African-Americans in Clay County during the 1800s, the Black Heritage Museum is located in a historic one-room schoolhouse. Visitors can follow the journey of early pioneering families to the present day through photographs and storytelling. Tours are available by appointment only.

Camp Blanding Museum and Memorial Park

682-3196
5629 SR 16 W., Starke
www.campblanding-museum.org

Camp Blanding was established in 1939 as a training post for the National Guard. During World War II, the facility was leased to the Army and used as a training center, an induction center and a German prisoner of war compound. Camp Blanding is now used for training members of the National Guard and Reserve units. The museum and grounds honor all branches of America's military.

Clay County Historical Museum & Triangle

278-4780
915 Walnut St., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountygov.com/departments/tourism/culture-recreation/museums

Encompassing the 1896 county jail and 1890 courthouse all in one location, the museum displays everyday items from Clay County residents during the 20th century. Items include personal letters, photographs, furniture, clothing, tools and more. The museum is open on Sundays.

Military Museum of North Florida

410-0781
1 Bunker Ave., Green Cove Springs
www.militarymuseumofnorthflorida.com

Created to honor those who have served in our country's military, the museum features exhibits, an extensive military reference library and a living history library. World War II and Vietnam memorabilia dominate, but the museum also includes exhibits from the Revolutionary War and the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

DUVAL – BEACHES

The Spanish were the first to settle the Jacksonville Beach area, establishing missions from Mayport to St. Augustine. Over time, the region saw the struggle of control by European powers, a developing United States and Native Americans.

Beaches Museum & History Park

241-5657
381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachmuseum.org

The completion of Atlantic Boulevard in 1910 connected the beaches to south Jacksonville, creating a residential boom. Pablo Beach, which was incorporated in 1907, witnessed the start of the boardwalk era in 1915. Businessman Martin Williams, Sr. built dance pavilions, restaurants and other forms of entertainment on the boardwalk. With the community seeing prosperous growth, Pablo Beach was renamed Jacksonville Beach in 1925 and the town of Atlantic Beach was incorporated in 1926. Residents of a sparsely populated section of Jacksonville Beach voted to secede from the city due to an inadequate return of services for their taxes. As a result, on Aug. 11, 1931, the community of Neptune Beach became its own municipality. In March 2006, the Beaches Museum & History Park opened its doors to residents and tourists. Operated by the Beaches Area Historical Society, the museum takes visitors on a journey through the history of the Beaches community through photographs, interactive exhibits and personal accounts. Visitors can also see a 1911 steam locomotive, the Mayport Railway Depot and the Florida East Coast Foreman's House—all located in Pablo Historical Park, adjacent to the museum.



DUVAL – NORTH

Before the Spanish decided to cede the territory in 1821 to the United States, Jacksonville was known as Cowford. In the late 1700s, the British built the King's Trail (now U.S. 1), a route that connected St. Augustine to Georgia. The settlement now known as Jacksonville was the narrowest place along the trail to ford livestock across the St. Johns River, thereby earning the region the Cowford name. In honor of Andrew Jackson's service as Florida territory's military governor, Cowford was renamed Jacksonville and officially incorporated in 1932.

After a period of accelerated post-war reconstruction, Jacksonville became a popular winter destination for the wealthy. Marketed as the "Winter City in a Summer Land," grand hotels surrounded Hemming Park in downtown as well as resorts at the beach. On May 3, 1901, Jacksonville was devastated by the third largest metropolitan fire in the nation. Despite this tragedy, the aftermath led to a major reconstruction and architectural renaissance. More than 13,000 buildings were constructed between 1901 and 1912 with innovations such as the elevator and escalator making their Southern debut.

Fort Caroline National Memorial

641-7155
12713 Fort Caroline Rd., Jacksonville
www.nps.gov/foca

When French explorers set sail for the Americas, they established a claim for their home country at Fort Caroline, near the mouth of the St. Johns River. In 1564, the French Huguenots established a settlement at the site of Fort Caroline. However, raids by nearby Spanish settlers destroyed the ill-fated colony. The French colonists allied themselves with the native Timucua tribe and fought against the settling Spanish. The museum tells the story of the temporary French settlement. The first replica fort at Fort Caroline National Memorial was destroyed by Hurricane Dora in 1964. Coincidentally, the demise of the French colony at Fort Caroline was also due to a hurricane.

Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park

251-2320
New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville
www.floridastateparks.org/parks/yellow-bluff-fort-historic-state-park

Located near the mouth of the St. Johns River, this site was an important military installation during the Civil War, allowing access to the inland areas of Florida's east coast. Though there was never an actual fort on Yellow Bluff, an encampment was fortified and equipped with arms for protection. Constructed in 1862, the site was occupied by both Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War and housed over 250 soldiers at its peak.



DUVAL – SOUTH

Mandarin Museum & Historical Society

268-0784
11964 Mandarin Rd., Jacksonville
www.mandarinmuseum.net

Explore the history of Mandarin, including an exhibit on Harriet Beecher Stowe. The author and abolitionist chose Mandarin as her winter home in 1867. Visitors can also see the Civil War steamship Maple Leaf at the Mandarin Museum while enjoying the beautiful Walter Jones Historical Park with several historic buildings and a riverfront boardwalk.

Museum of Science & History (MOSH)

396-6674
1025 Museum Cir., Jacksonville
www.themosh.org

MOSH combines the science of nature and the history of the First Coast in a fun atmosphere that has enthralled children and adults for years. The planetarium awes, the exhibits excite and all of the museum's programs educate. Learn about how the human body works with the interactive Body Within exhibit. KidSpace, designed for children age 5 and under, features a treehouse and hands-on activities that promote education.

DUVAL – WEST

Clara White Museum, The

354-4162
613 W. Ashley St., Jacksonville
www.clarawhitemission.org/explore/museum

Clara White, a former slave, fed hungry neighbors out of her two-room Jacksonville home in the 1880s, starting what would become a full-fledged mission with the help of her daughter, Eartha. In addition to their mission work, Eartha established numerous charitable organizations to aid unwed mothers, orphans, alcoholics and many others. Visit both Eartha White's home and the Clara White Mission, still in operation today.

Durkeeville Historical Society

598-9567
1293 W. 19th St., Jacksonville
www.durkeevillehistoricalsociety.com

Durkeeville, a community located within what is presently known as the Westside, honors its past and present residents in this museum. Exhibits include historic photos and other materials that tell the history about African-Americans in Jacksonville and the Northeast Florida area.



DUVAL – NORTH

DUVAL – SOUTH

DUVAL – WEST

HISTORICAL SITES & MUSEUMS

Jacksonville Fire Museum, The

630-0618
1406 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillefiremuseum.com

The Jacksonville Fire Museum is home to thousands of artifacts that pay tribute to Fire and Rescue efforts in Jacksonville and the state of Florida. At the museum, visitors can view photos from the Great Fire of 1901, which destroyed 2,368 buildings in the downtown area and left more than 10,000 people homeless. Miraculously, only seven died. Visitors can also see a restored 1902 American LaFrance horse-drawn fire engine, and a working 1926 American LaFrance fire engine. The museum also recognizes the brave men and women who gave their lives to save the lives of others.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Jacksonville Museum

356-2992
101 W. 1st St., Jacksonville
www.rain.org/~karpeles/jax.html

One of 12 Karpeles Museums in the nation, the Jacksonville location works to preserve historic writings and artwork, the local community and education. The museum collaborates with local schools and libraries to promote literacy and knowledge.

Museum of Southern History, The

388-3574
4304 Herschel St., Jacksonville
www.museumsofthernhistory.com

The Museum of Southern History displays portraits, flags, weapons, clothing, battle dioramas and more. Hear about events in detail, learn the differences in weaponry and view rare artifacts like a 37-star Applegate flag. The museum's research library is a helpful resource for those interested in historical family trees and the Civil War.

Ritz Theatre and Museum

807-2014
829 N. Davis St., Jacksonville
www.ritzjacksonville.com

When many free African-Americans settled in the LaVilla district, a thriving and artistically rich community emerged. The Ritz Theatre and Museum honors the era from the 1920s to the 1960s in LaVilla, the "Harlem of the South." The museum connects and celebrates African-American heritage through the stories of historical figures. Learn about Jacksonville natives James Weldon and John Rosamond Johnson who wrote Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing, which is now referred to as the African-American National Anthem. The Ritz Theatre hosts celebrity performers and amateurs, who deliver smooth Blues, Jazz and R&B tunes as well as performances featuring storytelling and dancing.

Veterans Memorial Wall

630-2489
1145 E. Adams St., Jacksonville

An outdoor memorial, the Veterans Memorial Wall honors more than 1,500 veterans from all military branches. The memorial was dedicated in November 1995 to local heroes of World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terror.

NASSAU COUNTY

The French staked their claim of Amelia Island in 1562, and not until 1821 did the U.S. government take control of the region. During that time, Amelia Island was occupied by the British, the Confederacy, Patriots, a Scotsman and a Mexican pirate named Louis Aury, in addition to French and Spanish colonizers. The frequent identity changes led to Amelia Island's nickname, "Isle of 8 Flags."

During the American Revolution, Florida remained loyal to the crown and Fernandina became home to English Loyalists that fled the northern colonies. On June 30, 1778, near present-day Callahan, British troops turned back a group of American militiamen in a skirmish at Alligator Creek. Nassau County was officially established in 1824. Some people believe the county was named after the Nassau Sound.

Great prosperity blessed the Fernandina area in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as a result of tourism and the start of the modern shrimping industry. In addition, the towns of Callahan, Yulee and Bryceville were established during this time due, in large part, to the success of the local railroad system and timber industry. In the late 1930s, A.L. Lewis, president of the Afro-American Insurance Company in Jacksonville, established American Beach on the southern end of Amelia Island. The beach became a prominent African-American resort area. From the 1930s into the 1960s, the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line Railroads rattled through Callahan, transporting travelers from the Florida peninsula to the Northeast. Seaboard used the remaining segment of the Florida Railroad in Callahan, which was eventually removed around 1974.

Amelia Island Lighthouse

310-3350
215 O'Hagan Ln., Fernandina Beach
www.fbfl.us

Built in 1838, Florida's oldest lighthouse boasts a long and interesting heritage. It is the only one from the Territorial Period that has survived without major rebuilding. Tours leave from the Atlantic Recreation Center.



Fort Clinch, photo courtesy of D. Harrison



Amelia Island Lighthouse, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

Amelia Island Museum of History

261-7378
233 S. 3rd St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliamuseum.org

Amelia Island is rich in history, playing a role in the first European settlements, the Civil War, the Florida railroad and much more. The French were the first to claim Amelia Island, but Spanish forces led by Pedro Menéndez de Avilés ousted them just three years later. Thus, in 1565, the French flag was replaced with a Spanish flag, where it would fly for more than 100 years. The museum’s exhibits highlight small pieces of this history. The Amelia Island Museum of History was Florida’s first “spoken history museum” and still offers a variety of tours for all ages.

Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum & Welcome Center

261-7378
17 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach
www.fbsmwc.org

Learn about the history of Fernandina Beach’s shrimping industry in this newly opened museum. Visitors will learn about Mike Salvador, who came from Sicily in 1898 and introduced motorized boats for shrimping in 1902.

Fort Clinch State Park

277-7274
2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach
www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-clinch

Since the St. Marys River reaches deep inland, the mouth of the river was a strategic location for a fort. Construction on the fort began in 1847 but was never completed. Soldiers were stationed here during the Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War II. Fort Clinch State Park opened to the public in 1938 and is used for reenactments, camping and hiking.

Maritime Museum of Amelia Island

583-4364
1335 S. 8th St., Fernandina Beach
www.maritimemuseumai.org

Discover artifacts on display such as Spanish treasure from sunken ships at this quaint museum. Visitors can also learn about Amelia Island’s maritime history throughout the years.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

In 1565, Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilés founded St. Augustine, “The Nation’s Oldest City,” at the site of the Timucua village, Seloy. Within a century, the city was attacked twice—in 1586, by English corsair Sir Francis Drake who burned the city down, and in 1668, by pirate Captain John Davis who killed 60 inhabitants. Even with these setbacks, the early settlers of St. Augustine stayed and rebuilt after each attack. St. Johns County was chartered in 1821, but American tycoon and railroad developer, Henry Flagler, is credited with transforming St. Augustine in the late 19th century. Flagler’s cousin, Thomas Horace Hastings, established a plantation west of St. Augustine to grow winter vegetables for Flagler’s resort hotels. In 1909, the town of Hastings was chartered and became known as the “Potato Capital of Florida,” because the Irish potato was its biggest money crop.

In 1914, a discovery was made on the beaches in the northern section of St. Johns County. Engineers Henry Holland Buckman and George A. Pritchard found more than a dozen industrial minerals, including rutile and ilmenite—elements necessary for the production of titanium. The National Lead Company bought the land from the chemical engineers and named it Mineral City. The town played a crucial role in World War I as the country’s leading producer of titanium. In 1928, Mineral City was renamed Ponte Vedra Beach.

Castillo de San Marcos National Monument

829-6506
1 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine
www.nps.gov/casa

One of the most iconic places in St. Augustine, Castillo de San Marcos stands the test of time. Construction began in October 1672 on this seaside fort using coquina, a soft limestone of broken shells, to defend Spain’s control in the New World. Commonly referred to as “the fort” by many, Castillo de San Marcos is the oldest masonry fort in the United States. The Castillo comes alive through a diverse range of programs including lectures, museum exhibits, historical weapons demonstrations, living history reenactments and special events. Volunteers are welcome for reenactments.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine

824-2806
38 Cathedral Pl., St. Augustine
www.thefirstparish.org

When Don Pedro Menéndez de Avilés landed in present day St. Augustine, a religious ceremony ensued in which Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales presented Menéndez with a cross to kiss. In a settlement with religion at its core, Cathedral Basilica was built in the plaza to keep the city’s spiritual origins alive.



Castillo de San Marcos, photo courtesy of Monica Gates

Colonial Quarter

342-2857
33 St. George St., St. Augustine
www.colonialquarter.com

The Colonial Quarter encompasses four time periods in St. Augustine's history: 16th century, 17th century, 18th century Spanish and 18th century British. Visitors can get a glimpse of daily life in colonial times through demonstrations and reenactments. Climb the 35-foot watchtower to view the St. Augustine coastline and the Castillo de San Marcos.

Flagler's Legacy

823-3378
74 King St., St. Augustine
<http://legacy.flagler.edu>

One of the lavish hotels built by millionaire developer Henry Flagler was Hotel Ponce de León in 1887 (now Flagler College), turning St. Augustine into a major resort town for the wealthy leisure traveler. Flagler College is a National Historic Landmark. Visitors will be awed by the beautiful Spanish Renaissance-style architecture. Tours of the college are available through Flagler's Legacy.

Fort Matanzas National Monument

471-0116
8635 A1A S., St. Augustine
www.nps.gov/foma

Constructed on the Matanzas Inlet to protect against the British, this well-preserved Spanish fort became a national monument in 1924. Explore the fort and park, watch reenactments and learn about the many battles fought at the Matanzas Inlet, including the one that earned the region the nickname "Slaughters Inlet." Fort Matanzas is named for the slaughter of French Huguenots from Fort Caroline in 1565. In Spanish, "matanzas" means slaughter.

Fort Mose Historic State Park

823-2232
15 Fort Mose Trl., St. Augustine
www.floridastateparks.org/park/fort-mose

The first legally sanctioned free African settlement, Fort Mose was a sanctuary for escaping English slavery. Although there are no remains of the structure, visitors can still view the land where the settlement once stood. Visitors can walk down the sun drenched boardwalk and imagine life in the 18th century. The museum in the park's visitor center teaches visitors about the site's historical significance in the U.S.

Government House Museum

823-2212
48 King St., St. Augustine
www.staugustine.ufl.edu/govHouse.html

This Georgian-style stone mansion housed the residence and office of the colonial governors of Florida from 1565 to 1821, when the state was ceded to the U.S. government. Since then, the house has gone through many changes, serving as a Civil War military hospital, a courthouse and a post office. Fittingly, the house currently serves as a museum for local historic artifacts.

Lightner Museum

824-2874
75 King St., St. Augustine
www.lightnermuseum.org

This beautiful Spanish Renaissance-style resort was established by Henry Flagler in 1887 as the Hotel Alcazar. The museum is now home to beautiful relics of America's Gilded Age. Chicago publisher Otto C. Lightner opened the building as a museum in 1948 with his own collection. The permanent collection includes Victorian furniture, musical instruments and Louis Comfort Tiffany pieces.

Mission Nombre de Dios

824-2809
27 Ocean Ave., St. Augustine
www.missionandshrine.org

In 1565, Pedro Menéndez landed near this site. Here, the Spanish began to build America's oldest city. On these grounds, Father Lopez celebrated the first parish Mass and began to build the country's first mission. Visitors can explore historic sites, statues and shrines including the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche.

Old Florida Museum

824-8874
259 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.oldfloridamuseum.com

This hands-on museum features exhibits about the Timucua Indians, Fort Menendez and more. Visitors can experience Native American life by playing games and performing everyday tasks. The museum is open daily.



Fort Mose, photo courtesy of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection



Cross at Mission Nombre de Dios, photo courtesy of floridashistoriccoast.com

Oldest House Museum Complex

824-2872

14 St. Francis St., St. Augustine

www.saintaugustinehistoricalsociety.org/oldest-house-museum-complex

This National Historic Landmark is the oldest surviving home from the Colonial Spanish period in Florida. Several other sites are included with admission; among them are the Manucy Museum, a changing exhibit gallery, an ornamental garden and a museum store.

Oldest Wooden School House

888-653-7245

14 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.oldestwoodenschoolhouse.com

More than 200 years ago, early Spanish settlers used wooden pegs and handmade nails to construct the house. Inside the school house, an animatronic teacher and students tell guests about school days, textbooks and writing instruments from long ago.

Peña-Peck House, The

829-5064

143 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.penapecthouse.com

Constructed in the mid-1700s as the residence of the Spanish royal treasurer, the Peña-Peck House is not only historical for its first Spanish period architecture, but also for the roles the home played during the first Spanish, British and second Spanish periods. Guided tours for the house are available.

Spanish Military Hospital Museum

342-7730

3 Aviles St., St. Augustine

www.spanishmilitaryhospital.com

As the name suggests, this site served as a hospital for the Spanish military during the 18th century. Today, the restored museum offers insight into 18th century hospital care. Visitors can also walk through the museum's apothecary garden and see herbs that are still used in medicines today.

St. Augustine History Museum

829-3800

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine

Housed next to the St. Augustine Old Jail, the St. Augustine History Museum takes you through the evolution of St. Augustine under Spanish and British rule. Historical artifacts from time periods spanning 400 years are on display. Henry Flagler's contributions to the city are also documented and displayed in the museum. Self-guided tours are available daily.

St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum

829-0745

100 Red Cox Rd., St. Augustine

www.staugustinelighthouse.com

In 1874, builders completed work on the lighthouse, which stands 165 feet above sea level. Although the lighthouse is still in operation, visitors who are taller than 43 inches may climb to the top. A museum dedicated to the history of the lighthouse and its keepers is located in the keeper's house.

Gun deck at the Pirate Treasure Museum, photo courtesy of floridahistoriccoast.com**St. Augustine Old Jail & Oldest Store Museum**

829-3800

167 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine

www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine/oldest-store.asp

In addition to housing inmates, the old jail property was the site of the sheriff's home and an ominous set of gallows, where the lives of numerous criminals were ended. Built by Henry Flagler in 1891, the jail has changed very little over more than a century. Visitors can step back in time to meet colorful characters and even attempt their own escape from the century-old penitentiary.

St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum

877-467-5863

12 S. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine

www.thepiratemuseum.com

Discover pirate history and plunder through Pat Croce's collection of pirate artifacts in the St. Augustine Pirate & Treasure Museum. This one-of-a-kind museum combines a gallery of artifacts with fun and interactive features to create an exciting, educational experience.

St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine

829-8205

41 St. George St., St. Augustine

www.stphotios.com

The first colony of Greeks arrived in the New World in 1768. The St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine tells about the lives of those colonists through photographs and artifacts.

Villa Zorayda Museum

829-9887

83 King St., St. Augustine

www.villazorayda.com

Built in 1883 as the winter residence for Boston millionaire Franklin Smith, Villa Zorayda was the first building in St. Augustine to launch the Moorish Spanish revival of architecture that can be seen throughout the city today. Inspired by the Alhambra Palace in Granada, Spain, the villa contains luxurious interior details, historical antiques and the 2,400-year-old "Sacred Cat Rug" made from the hair of cats from ancient Egypt. Villa Zorayda Museum is open for guided audio tours.

Ximenez-Fatio House Museum

829-3575

20 Aviles St., St. Augustine

www.ximenezfatiohouse.org

This home was built near the center of the original St. Augustine community. The site is on the National Register of Historical Places and now includes a museum and museum store.



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ART MUSEUMS & EVENTS

Whether you want to paint the town red or contemplate the meaning of modern art, the First Coast has a vibrant and eclectic art culture waiting for you.

the First Coast's creative atmosphere is evident in our growing art scene. In addition to large galleries that feature international, national and local artists, Northeast Florida is rich with intimate, privately owned galleries, museums and shops. To sample the richly diverse offerings on the First Coast, visit one of the local monthly art walks. Fernandina Beach, Jacksonville and St. Augustine provide an opportunity for art lovers to enjoy self-guided tours of more than 70 galleries.

Art novices and enthusiasts alike will delight at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in Jacksonville. The museum works in conjunction with the University of North Florida to bring modern works

by the Masters to the community, as well as masterful works by regional artists.

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, in Jacksonville's historic Riverside, features world class art from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century. The museum's permanent collection includes masterpieces by Winslow Homer, Peter Paul Rubens, Thomas Moran and Norman Rockwell.

No matter what your taste, the First Coast art scene has something for everyone.

DUVAL – BEACHES

North Beaches Art Walk

753-9594
Atlantic Beach
www.nbaw.org

The cool sea breeze and shady palm trees provide a great back drop for this art walk by the sea. Held on the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m., local artists come together to create a community event with live music, artwork and more.

DUVAL – NORTH

Alexander Brest Museum & Gallery

256-7371
Jacksonville University,
2800 University Blvd. N.,
Phillips Fine Arts Bldg., Jacksonville
www.ju.edu/aboutju/pages/alexander-brest.aspx

Fascinating displays at this Jacksonville University facility take visitors back in time to ancient civilizations. Exhibits include a diverse collection of unique decorative arts in ceramics, paintings, prints and sculptures. Visitors will also see stunning Boehm porcelain and Tiffany glass. Artwork by faculty and students, as well as local, regional, national and international artists, is displayed in the gallery.

DUVAL – WEST

CoRK Arts District

2689 Rosselle St., Jacksonville
<http://corkartsdistrict.tumblr.com>

To passersby, seemingly unused warehouses don't mean much, but local artists have turned them into something special. Short for the corner of Roselle and King, the CoRK Arts District is a network of once abandoned warehouses and underutilized spaces that have been renovated into several art studios, galleries and production spaces. CoRK consists of more than 80,000 square feet of space. Though CoRK is not open to the public on a daily basis, visitors can make appointments or attend one of the many events.

Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, The

356-6857
829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.cummERMuseum.org

Arthur Cummer established his home in 1902 on the St. Johns riverfront where the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens now stands. As the largest fine arts museum in Northeast Florida and the second largest in the state, the museum contains nearly 5,000 works of art in its permanent collection. The museum is home to 2.5 picturesque acres of lush gardens with fountains, arbors and sculptures. The Cummer also offers fun and educational activities for children and families through its Art Adventures and Art for Two programs. On Tuesday evenings, museum patrons can enjoy tapas on the patio while enjoying music from local musicians.



Photo courtesy of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens © Jensen Hand

First Wednesday Art Walk

634-0303, ext. 225
Downtown Jacksonville
www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com

Join artists and art lovers on the first Wednesday evening of each month—rain or shine—for this free art walk spanning more than 15 blocks in downtown Jacksonville. See how downtown comes alive with culture and artistic talent bursting from more than 40 independent galleries and venues along a mapped out route. The Museum of Contemporary Art offers free admission during the art walk. Headquartered at Hemming Park, visitors can find everything from paintings to hand-crafted jewelry.

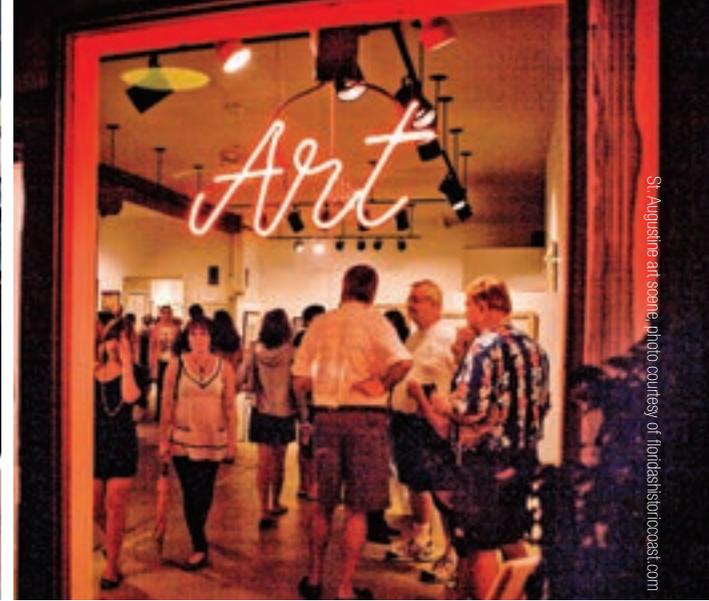
Jaxsons Night Market

Hemming Park
www.hemmingpark.org

Jacksonville residents, or “Jaxsons,” can enjoy this arts market under the stars in Hemming Park that features local craftsmen, farmers and artisans. A culmination of what makes the First Coast special, this market is a prime example of downtown’s creative community. Visit the evening market on the third Thursday of every month.



Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



St. Augustine art scene, photo courtesy of firstcoast.com

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Jacksonville

366-6911
333 N. Laura St., Jacksonville
www.mocajacksonville.org

MOCA Jacksonville has promoted modern visual arts in the community since its founding in 1924. Today, the museum contains nearly 1,000 pieces in its permanent gallery from renowned artists worldwide and is one of the largest contemporary art museums in the Southeast. Visitors walking through the doors will immediately pause to gaze at MOCA's Project Atrium, which displays inventive art installations from emerging artists in its Haskell Atrium Gallery. MOCA offers classes and promotes local artists by partnering with regional art institutes.

Riverside Arts Market

389-2449
Riverside Ave., under the Fuller Warren Bridge (I-95)
www.riversideartsmarket.com

Held each Saturday from March through December, this arts market is a hub of artistic talent. Bring friends and family to peruse the work of more than 100 local artists and artisans underneath the shade provided by the Fuller Warren Bridge. With the wide variety of vendors, themed days, special events and performers, there is always something new to see and taste at the arts market by the river. This bustling market is a can't-miss weekly event, along with free admission and parking.

NASSAU COUNTY

Artrageous Artwalk

277-0717
Downtown Fernandina Beach
www.ameliainland.com/things-to-do/culture-tours/artrageous-artwalk

Amelia Island is renowned for its upscale galleries featuring local, talented artists who reflect the ease of island life in their artwork. Every second Saturday of the month visitors can take a self-guided tour through local galleries and shops that feature a wide array of fine art mediums including photography, pottery, copper, metal, glass, water color, acrylic and oil. Galleries open their doors and host evening events for those interested in viewing works and meeting artists.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Crisp-Ellert Art Museum

826-8530
48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine
www.flagler.edu/news-events/crisp-ellert-art-museum

This Flagler College gem offers Flagler students and the First Coast community a venue to learn about and develop an appreciation for contemporary artwork. Opened in 2007, the museum exhibits local, national and international artists and hosts a number of public programs. The museum was built to commemorate art patrons Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert and her husband, Dr. Robert Ellert. Crisp-Ellert was a prolific painter and well-respected in the art community. Admission is free and open to the public.

Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, The

280-0614
50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach
www.ccpvb.org

The Cultural Center brings art to the First Coast community by offering arts programs, events and exhibits for children, adults and families. The Cultural Center has an 8,000-square-foot art gallery and studio facility with exhibits from local artists. Lectures, concerts, performances and classes in the visual and performing arts make the Cultural Center a Ponte Vedra treasure.

First Friday Artwalk

832-779-2781
St. Augustine
www.artgalleriesofstaugustine.org

Hop on a free Artwalk Trolley the first Friday of each month and enjoy exhibits, music, entertainment and refreshments in America's oldest city. The self-guided tour winds through downtown St. Augustine and across the Bridge of Lions to Anastasia Island. Many events take place after hours at St. Augustine bars and restaurants for the late night crowd.

St. Augustine Art Association

824-2310
22 Marine St., St. Augustine
www.staaa.org

During the midst of the Great Depression and World War II, a dedicated group of professional and amateur artists formed the St. Augustine Art Association and has been bringing exceptional art to the area ever since. The art gallery displays monthly juried exhibits from professional and emerging artists. The permanent collection consists primarily of local places painted by well-known artists from the 1930s to the present. It is open six days a week and has an Art Walk on the first Friday of each month. In addition, the association offers art classes, camps, festivals and much more.



Cultural Council
OF GREATER JACKSONVILLE

Greetings –

And welcome to Jacksonville!

Jacksonville is a world class city of culture and we know you are going to love it here. We boast more waterfront and more parkland than any other city in the U.S. Jacksonville features miles of magnificent beaches, beautiful forests and preserves, historic walkable neighborhoods, and extraordinary arts and entertainment venues to explore with your family.

Our quality of life is very high and we owe much of that to arts and culture.

Here are some highlights:

- The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens—renowned for its educational programs and nationally significant gardens on the banks of our beautiful St. Johns River, one of only 14 American Heritage Rivers
- The Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville—featuring the largest museum collection of contemporary art in the Southeast
- The Jacksonville Jazz Festival—one of the largest free jazz fests in the U.S. Bringing together the best in international contemporary music for three days in the heart of our revitalized downtown
- The Museum of Science and History—newly revitalized and boasting a state-of-the-art planetarium experience, set on historic Friendship Fountain

Additionally, a walking tour of our downtown will reveal installations of contemporary public art close to restaurants and cultural venues like the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and the Florida Theatre. Of particular note are the pieces found at the Veteran’s Memorial Arena, our Downtown Library and our spectacular River Walks.

In addition to all you will be able to find in the pages of your *First Coast Relocation Guide*, be sure to check our Facebook.com/moreartculture page and @MoreArtCulture Twitter feed for up-to-the-minute listings of all there is to do and see in Jacksonville!

I hope you’ll look into the countless art programs, events and opportunities. We truly have something for every member of your family. And we are very happy to have you call our river city by the sea – home.

Cheers!

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JACKSONVILLE'S ART SCENE:

The Junction of Many

By JAX Chamber

From downtown to the Beaches, there are plenty of opportunities for art enthusiasts as Jacksonville has a myriad of local art galleries, public art studios and theaters.

Offering hundreds of cultural and entertainment events for all ages, the **Florida Theatre** attracts 250,000 to downtown Jacksonville each year. Built in 1927, the acclaimed and restored venue is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Near downtown in the community of LaVilla is the **Ritz Theatre and Museum**. The mission of the Ritz is to "research, record, and preserve the material and artistic culture of African-American life in Northeast Florida and the African Diaspora, and present in an educational or

"With the amount of opportunities throughout Jacksonville to take in a performance or purchase local art, there is truly something for all to enjoy each day of the week."

entertaining format, the many facets that make up the historical and cultural legacy of this community." The building was built in 1999 on the 1929 site of the original Ritz Theatre. Visitors of the Ritz can enjoy concerts, lectures, film and more throughout the year.

Unity Plaza, the first of this type of outdoor space in Jacksonville, is a unique venue for art, outdoor libraries and movies, and provides an amphitheater, gaming court and more. Unity Plaza offers events benefitting Jacksonville's nonprofits, free daily yoga in the UP commUNITY Center, festivals, concerts and more.

Comprised of more than 80,000 square feet of warehouse space centered on artist studios and galleries, Jacksonville's **CoRK Arts District** (Corner of Rosselle and King streets) in Riverside provides space for live music and performance art events.

The Riverside neighborhood is also home to great museums such as the **Summer Museum of Art & Gardens**, which houses one of the finest art collections in the Southeast, with nearly 5,000 objects in its Permanent Collection. The museum offers world-class art from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century, features diverse special exhibits, and the Wark Collection of Early Meissen Porcelain.

Adjacent to nearby Hemming Park, the **Museum of Contemporary Art**, or MOCA, features rotating exhibits and collections dating from the 1960s to the present. Nestled in the heart of downtown, the museum's permanent collection currently consists of nearly 1,000 works of art, including painting, printmaking, sculpture and photography.

The **Museum of Science & History** offers something for all ages to enjoy, including interactive, award-winning exhibitions, daily science shows, live animal shows, planetarium programs and more.

A must-visit for foodies, art lovers and music fans alike, the **Riverside Arts Market**, located at the end of the Northbank Riverwalk under the Fuller Warren Bridge, takes place each Saturday, March to December. From the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors enjoy more than 100 juried artists, with mediums ranging from pottery, jewelry and paintings to silk-screened T-shirts. They also feature local foods, such as artisan breads and fresh cheeses, in addition to three stages of entertainment along the riverfront with ample free parking.

Produced by Downtown Vision Inc. to bring people to the cultural and historical center of downtown Jacksonville and to showcase the city's artistic talent, the **First Wednesday Art Walk** takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month, rain or shine.

More than 50 Art Walk venues stretch across Jacksonville's downtown core, showcasing more than 100 artists and include Hemming Park, galleries, museums, cultural and educational venues, restaurants and bars, street performers, live music, downtown businesses and more.

For those who live near the beach communities, the **Jax Beach Art Walk** takes place monthly on the second Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m. in



Photo courtesy of the Summer Museum of Art & Gardens

front of businesses along First Street from Beach Boulevard to Fifth Avenue North. The Jax Beach Art Walk showcases the talent of great local artists and the businesses in the community.

The **North Beaches Art Walk** is a free event held the third Thursday of each month from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring many local visual artists and live performers at the Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach Town Centers. With more than 55 participating artists, Art Walk is a diverse art destination and shopping experience for the entire family.

With the amount of opportunities throughout Jacksonville to take in a performance or purchase local art, there is truly something for all to enjoy each day of the week.



Riverside Arts Market, photo courtesy of Riverside Avondale Preservation



Photo courtesy of MOSSH



The Artist Series' Phantom of the Opera, photo courtesy of Matthew Murphy

ENTERTAINMENT

Be dazzled, be amazed; the First Coast has something to entertain everyone young and old!

take a break from the monotony of life and experience all the entertainment opportunities that the First Coast has to offer. With more than 25 venues, the area is brimming with music, comedy and theater. Established and local artists come together to provide top-notch experiences for residents and visitors to enjoy.

For a state so far from New York, we are one of the lucky areas with the opportunity to see Broadway plays without travelling too far. The Times-Union Center for Performing Arts hosts The Artist Series, which has brought plays such as *The Book of Mormon* and *Beauty and the Beast* to the area. Venues such as the Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts and *Players by the Sea* give student and local playwrights the opportunity to shine.

If you're interested in the birthplace of southern rock—think Lynyrd Skynyrd—and the city that coined the term “the blues,” the First Coast is a great location to find musicians, big and small. For a night of music, try the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or Underbelly. Each music venue is unique and adds to the perfect concert ambiance.

CLAY COUNTY

Orange Park Community Theatre

276-2599

2900 Moody Ave., Orange Park

www.opct.org

Volunteers at Orange Park Community Theatre bring quality dramas and musicals to Clay County. First established in 1969, the theater experienced a setback in 1981 and held productions in various facilities for five years before settling in its current location.

Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts

276-6815

283 College Dr., Orange Park

www.thcenter.org

Owned and operated by St. Johns River State College, Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts is dedicated to developing and nurturing artistic potential in students, residents and visitors by offering professional theater, dance and music performances in two state-of-the-art theaters. Performances are wide-ranging and include musicals, ballets and concerts featuring a range of sounds from country to jazz. The facility also hosts a seasonal variety show.

DUVAL – BEACHES

Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre

249-7177
Adele Grage Cultural Center,
716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach
www.abetttheatre.com

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre (ABET) is a not-for-profit theater with the mission of bringing a wide variety of productions to the community. Performances are held at the Adele Grage Cultural Center. Upcoming performances in 2016 include *Ordinary Days* and *Tuna Does Vegas*.

Beaches Fine Arts Series

270-1771
416 12th Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.beachesfinearts.org

The Beaches Fine Arts Series brings the community together through music, dance and art. Performances are free and most are held at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Jacksonville Beach. Each artist also performs a program for students, targeting schools with limited arts exposure.

Players by the Sea

249-0289
106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.playersbythesea.org

Since 1966, Players by the Sea has committed itself to the art of theater as well as the First Coast community. The theater presents both classic plays and original productions from local, aspiring playwrights.

St. Johns River City Band

992-2291
14125 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.rivercityband.com

The official band of Jacksonville and the state of Florida, the St. Johns River City Band performs public, private and educational programs emphasizing traditional American music and jazz. A nonprofit organization, the band is financed through the generous donations of patrons and citizens.

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DUVAL – NORTH

Jacksonville University College of Fine Arts

256-7000
2800 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville
<http://arts.ju.edu>

Jacksonville University's Performing Arts Series holds numerous performances throughout the school year. A typical art series season includes music concerts, theatrical productions, ballets and modern dance performances. They also host visual art galleries throughout the year.

DUVAL – SOUTH

Alhambra Theatre & Dining

641-1212
12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.alhambrajax.com

The Alhambra Dinner Theatre was built in 1967 and remains a treasured entertainment spot in the Jacksonville community. Executive Chef DeJuan Roy cooks up a new menu for each show. Last year's offerings included *9 To 5: The Musical* and *Harvey*, featuring Charles Shaughnessy.

Comedy Zone, The

292-4242
3130 Hartley Rd., Jacksonville
www.comedyzone.com

The Comedy Zone offers a night of entertainment unlike any other in Jacksonville. Since 1989, patrons have experienced nonstop laughter in The Zone, which showcases both local and national comedians. Appetizers and drinks are available for purchase on site.



Sweeney Todd at Players by the Sea, photo courtesy of Bradley Akers



Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre, photo courtesy of Celia Frank



ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Fairgrounds
5567 Lauremore Rd., Macclenny
www.bakercountyfair.com
County Fair, Rodeos

CLAY COUNTY

Paul E. Reinhold Agricultural Fairgrounds
284-1615
2493 SR 16 W., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountyfair.org
Clay County Agricultural Fair, Concerts, Festivals

Thrasher-Horne Center for the Arts
276-6815
283 College Dr., Orange Park
www.thcenter.org
Theatrical and Musical Productions, Exhibitions

DUVAL COUNTY

Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville
633-6100
301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com
Jacksonville Suns Baseball Games, Jacksonville Armada FC Soccer Games

EverBank Field
633-6100
1 Everbank Field Dr., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com
Jacksonville Jaguars Football Games, Monster Jam, TaxSlayer Bowl

Florida Theatre
355-2787
128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville
www.floridatheatre.com
Concerts, Lectures, Films, Community Service Events

Jacksonville Equestrian Center
255-4254
13611 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxequestriancenter.com
Horse Shows and Races, Community Events

Jacksonville Fairgrounds & Expo Center
353-0535
510 Fairgrounds Pl., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillefair.com
Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair, Festivals, Concerts

Jacksonville Landing, The
353-1188
2 W. Independent Dr., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillelanding.com
Concerts, Christmas Tree Lighting, Florida/Georgia Celebration

Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena
630-3900
300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com
Jacksonville Sharks Arena Football Games, Jacksonville Giants Basketball Games, Ice Shows, Circuses, Concerts

Metropolitan Park
630-3690
1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville
www.makeascenedowntown.com/metropolitan-park.aspx
Outdoor Concerts, Jazz Festival, World of Nations

Morocco Shrine
642-5200
3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd. S., Jacksonville
www.moroccoshrine.org
Circuses, Trade Shows, Exhibitions

Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts
646-2222
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.fscj.edu
Florida State College at Jacksonville's The Artist Series

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center
630-4000
1000 Water St., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com
Conventions, Trade Shows

Seawalk Pavilion & Latham Plaza
247-6236
1st St. N. and 1st Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
www.jacksonvillebeach.org
Concerts, Festivals, Summer Movie Series

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts
633-6110
300 Water St., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com
Performing Arts, Concerts, Speakers, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

NASSAU COUNTY

Northeast Florida Fairgrounds
879-4682
543378 US Hwy. 1, Callahan
www.neffair.org
Northeast Florida Fair, Concerts, Exhibitions

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
209-0399
1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.pvconcerthall.com
Concerts, Performing Arts, Community Gatherings

St. Augustine Amphitheatre
209-0367
1340C A1A S., St. Augustine
www.staugamphitheatre.com
Outdoor Performances, Seasonal Ice Skating

St. Johns County Fairgrounds
209-0332
5840 SR 207, Elkton
www.co.st-johns.fl.us/fairgrounds
St. Johns County Fair, Concerts, Rodeo

Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts

646-2222
11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville
www.fscj.edu/campus-life/campuses-centers/south-campus/wilson-center

A comprehensive performing and visual arts facility on Florida State College at Jacksonville's South Campus, the center features an art gallery, a 500-seat main theater and a studio theater for smaller audiences. In addition, a conference center provides space for business meetings, conferences, fundraising events and social gatherings. Programs include opera, dance and multidisciplinary productions that integrate visual art, music, theater and the humanities.

Theatre Jacksonville

396-4425
2032 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville
www.theatrejax.com

Theatre Jacksonville was founded in 1919 as the Little Theatre of Jacksonville. Today, it stands in its original location. Presenting classic and original plays, the 96-year-old theater reaches out to the community through its performances and volunteer efforts. In 2016, they will be performing *The Melville Boys*, *The Explorers Club* and *Disney's The Little Mermaid*.

DUVAL – WEST**Artist Series, The**

442-2929
501 W. State St., Ste. 109, Jacksonville
www.artistseriesjax.org

The primary source for national and international professional productions on the First Coast, The Artist Series brings a unique blend of musical and dramatic presentations to the region each season. The Artist Series features performances on Broadway and off, as well as international dance, international opera, family and variety shows. Performances are held in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts and the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts.

Florida Theatre

355-2787
128 E. Forsyth St., Ste. 300, Jacksonville
www.floridatheatre.com

Serving as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927, this local landmark still hosts 200 cultural and entertainment events each year. Magnificently restored to preserve the theater's lavish interior in 1983, this Jacksonville treasure is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to presenting a myriad of performances, Florida Theatre hosts graduations, award ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events.

Friday Musicale

355-7584
645 Oak St., Jacksonville
www.fridaymusicale.com

In 1890, Claudia L'Engle Adams began holding weekly meetings for local musicians in her home as the Ladies' Friday Musicale. Eventually, men were invited to participate, and the tradition grew into a full-fledged organization with bylaws, official leadership and a new location. Today, Friday Musicale holds concerts featuring various types of music in an intimate setting. In addition, the organization nurtures young musicians by providing programs by and for children, as well as awarding scholarships to promising local students.



Moran Theater Times-Union Center, photo courtesy of Kelly Bussanich

Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

354-5547
300 Water St., Ste. 200, Jacksonville
www.jaxsymphony.org

A renowned group of elite musicians, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra (JSO) performs throughout Northeast Florida and across the state. Founded in 1949, JSO remains a treasured and highly regarded musical organization. JSO also offers education programs, trains more than 270 students in the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra and partners with numerous volunteer organizations.

Riverside Fine Arts Association

389-6222
1100 Stockton St., Jacksonville
www.riversidefinearts.org

Using venues throughout Jacksonville, the Riverside Fine Arts Association features world-class performances in an intimate setting. With a vision of promoting artistic expression, concerts in the series showcase many styles of music including classical, jazz, Latin and country western.

Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts

633-6110
300 Water St., Jacksonville
www.jaxevents.com

Overlooking the picturesque St. Johns River, the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts is a major entertainment venue on the First Coast. Featuring three distinct halls, the facility hosts a variety of performances throughout the year, including Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra concerts and Broadway in Jacksonville Artist Series productions.

Underbelly

699-8186
113 E. Bay St., Jacksonville
www.underbellylive.com

Located in the heart of downtown, Underbelly is a premier live music venue on the First Coast. Since 2010, this venue has provided patrons with the chance to escape reality for a while. Artists big and small perform in this intimate space.

ENTERTAINMENT

Unity Plaza

363-9002
220 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville
www.unityplaza.org

New to the area, Unity Plaza is an urban park and amphitheater that welcomes performers and hosts festivals for the community. First Coasters can take enriching classes as well. They are also home to restaurants Sbraga & Company and HOBNOB.

NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia Community Theatre

261-6749
207/209 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org

Amelia Community Theatre has been entertaining and supporting the community since its founding in 1981. A nonprofit volunteer program, the theater produces several shows each year and also organizes youth and children programs. Productions scheduled for 2016 include *Picnic*, *Mary Poppins* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

Fernandina Little Theatre

206-2607
1014 Beech St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliafft.org

In 1993, the second community theater opened in the small town of Fernandina Beach. Theater founders say Fernandina Beach is so culturally rich and filled with talented artists it can afford more than one community theater. In addition to its theater productions, Fernandina Little Theatre hosts several special events throughout the year.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

EMMA Concert Association

797-2800
Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College,
14 Granada St., St. Augustine
www.emmaconcerts.com

EMMA Concert Association is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with a singular vision of producing quality music and dance performances at modest ticket prices. Each season, the association features six Evening Series performances, four Afternoon Series performances, two Holiday Pops concerts and one free concert—all in the association's permanent home at the Flagler College auditorium.

First Coast Opera

417-5555
St. Augustine
www.firstcoastopera.com

First Coast Opera is the only opera company in the five-county area. The company seeks to entertain audiences, introduce opera to the community and cultivate the artistic skills of talented performers. First Coast Opera presents opera, operetta and cabaret in various locations around St. Augustine.

Jackie Knight's Comedy Club at the Corner Bar

461-8843
828 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine
www.thegypsycomedyclub.com

Jackie Knight's Comedy Club has been recognized by critics as the "Best Comedy Club in Florida." Open on Friday and Saturday nights, the club features live shows with nationally acclaimed comedy performers as well as local up-and-comers.

Limelight Theatre

825-1164
11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine
www.limelight-theatre.org

Each season, the Limelight Theatre presents comedies, musicals and dramas. Upcoming shows in 2016 include *A Facility for Living*, *The 39 Steps* and *The Last Five Years*. Fun, educational and creative programs are also offered to children ages 4 to 18 through KidzFACTory.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

209-0399
1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.pvconcerthall.com

Opened in February 2011, this concert hall not only brings world-renowned musicians to the First Coast, but also screens movies, features speakers and hosts a wide variety of performing artists. Located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach along scenic A1A, the venue seats 450 guests and can be used for a number of occasions including conventions, wedding receptions and private recitals.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre

209-0367
1340C A1A S., St. Augustine
www.staugamphitheatre.com

Built in 1965 to commemorate St. Augustine's 400th anniversary as the nation's oldest permanent European settlement, the amphitheater grounds include four concession stands, a merchandise area, a large plaza and an arboretum of walking trails in addition to the theater, which holds 4,100 guests. The venue hosts music concerts, guest speakers, a weekly farmers market and a month-long, holiday-themed event in December.



The Artist Series' Motown the Musical, photo courtesy of Joan Marcus



Ritz Theatre, photo courtesy of Kelly Bussarich



Adventure Landing-Shipwreck Island, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

ATTRACTIONS

Lions and gators and dolphins, oh my! Water slides and Go-Karts and kayaks, let's fly!
 Whatever your pleasure, you will never run out of fun here on the First Coast.
 There is an attraction for every family member.

northeast Florida not only has fabulous weather and great beaches, we also have plenty of amazing attractions for everyone young and old. No matter if it's the dead of "winter" or summer, indoor and outdoor activities are located all over the area waiting to be discovered.

Encounter exotic animals you would only see in far off places at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. There you will come face to face with big cats, reptiles, elephants and giraffes. Families can also take Ecotours around the St. Johns River to see Florida's own unique wildlife from the safety of a boat.

Many attractions offer a break from the Florida sunshine. Places such as Adventure Landing, Autobahn Indoor Speedway and Rebounderz all offer indoor activities for a break from the heat. The First Coast is also home to many notable factories that give tours throughout the week.

Peterbrooke Chocolatier Factory Store, Anheuser-Busch Brewery and the St. Augustine Distillery welcome guests to tour and sample their products.

As you're exploring your new stomping grounds, take some time to enjoy all the First Coast has to offer.

BAKER COUNTY

Baker County Fairgrounds

259-7314

5567 Lauremore Rd., Macclenny

www.bakercountyfair.com

In addition to the county fair each fall, Baker County Fairgrounds hosts activities throughout the year including horse association events and championship wrestling tournaments.



Clay County Fairgrounds, photo courtesy of Jackie Collins

CLAY COUNTY

bestbet Orange Park

646-0001
455 Park Ave., Orange Park
www.bestbetjax.com

Play your favorite poker games or learn new games at one of bestbet's 40 tables. Drinks, sandwiches and sushi with tableside service are also available. Classes are offered for those interested in learning how to play poker like a pro. There are also greyhound races on site.

Clay County Fairgrounds

284-1615
2493 SR 16 W., Green Cove Springs
www.claycountyfair.org

Clay County Fairgrounds is home to the Blue Ribbon Clay County Agricultural Fair, held each year in the spring. Throughout the year, the facility hosts numerous other events including equestrian shows, auctions, roping competitions and the Scottish-Highland games.

DUVAL - BEACHES

Adventure Landing

246-4386
1944 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach
771-2803
4825 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville
827-9400
2780 SR 16, St. Augustine
www.adventurelanding.com

With batting cages, mega arcades, go-karts, laser tag and miniature golf visitors of all ages will have a full day of fun at this facility. At the Jacksonville Beach location, Shipwreck Island Waterpark provides fun in the sun with a Pirate's Play Village and thrill slides, including a 35-foot-high half-pipe.

DUVAL - NORTH

Anheuser-Busch Brewery

696-8373
111 Busch Dr., Jacksonville
www.budweisertours.com

Get a first-hand look at how the Great American Lager is crafted. The Anheuser-Busch Brewery is one of five in the nation that offers tours. Each tour is free and teaches guests about the brewing process in addition to the history of Anheuser-Bush. Participants age 21 and up can sample the different brews produced.

bestbet Jacksonville

646-0002
201 Monument Rd., Jacksonville
www.bestbetjax.com

Jacksonville's largest poker room features 70 tables of your favorite games including Texas Hold 'Em, Omaha and Seven Card Stud. They also feature greyhound races. Drinks, sandwiches and sushi with tableside service are also available.



BEACHES

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Historical Sites & Museums

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Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

757-4463
370 Zoo Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillezoo.org

From the award winning Range of the Jaguar to the pioneering trail system in the Land of the Tiger, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is sure to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. The zoo has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Kayak Amelia

251-0016
13030 Heckscher Dr., Jacksonville
www.kayakamelia.com

Take a guided kayak nature tour and learn about the places and animals around Amelia Island. Adventurers can see whales, dolphins, manatees, turtles and birds, all in their natural habitat. Great for family outings and friendly get-togethers, Kayak Amelia offers a unique look at the area's tranquil inland marshes and secluded sandy beaches.

DUVAL – SOUTH

Autobahn Indoor Speedway

425-5005
6601 Executive Park Ct. N., Jacksonville
www.autobahnspeed.com/jacksonville-fl-indoor-go-karts

Speed lovers will enjoy this 80,000-square-foot racetrack located on the Southside—the largest indoor karting facility in Florida. With two unique Grand Prix-style tracks, drivers can have two separate racing experiences. Junior karts are also available for children who are at least 48 inches tall and 8 years old.

Dave & Buster's

296-1525
7025 Salisbury Rd., Jacksonville
www.daveandbusters.com

Located only minutes from Southside Boulevard, Dave & Buster's is a fun place to eat and play. This restaurant and entertainment center features an arcade and game room where children and adults of all ages can win prizes. Dave & Buster's is also available for private events including birthday parties and team building.

Rebounderz

300-0070
14985 Old St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville
www.rebounderzjacksonville.com

Fun and fitness come together at Rebounderz, where families can jump on more than 12,000 square feet of trampoline space, play laser tag, learn archery, bowl and grab something to eat at the 40,000-square-foot facility.

River Cruises

396-2333
1840 Perry Pl., Jacksonville
www.jaxrivercruises.com

All aboard the party boat! Offering public and private charters, the Annabelle Lee holds 100 of your friends and family members on a fun-filled cruise up and down the St. Johns River. The boat features a full bar and professional disc jockey.

DUVAL – WEST

Diamond D Ranch

289-9331
5903-1 Solomon Rd., Jacksonville
www.diamonddranchinc.com

Just outside the city, Diamond D Ranch is a 600-acre working ranch. Activities include trail rides, a petting zoo and pony rides. Special packages are available for birthday parties, weddings and corporate events.

Greater Jacksonville Fair & Expo Center

353-0535
510 Fairgrounds Pl., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillefair.com

Located in downtown Jacksonville, the Greater Jacksonville Fair & Expo Center holds the annual Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair. The fair includes art exhibits, agricultural events, culinary contests, rides and games. The fair and expo center is used year-round for outdoor events and event parking.

DUVAL - NORTH

DUVAL - SOUTH

DUVAL - WEST

ATTRACTIONS

Jacksonville Landing, The

353-1188
2 W. Independent Dr., Jacksonville
www.jacksonvillelanding.com

Nestled along the gorgeous St. Johns River in Downtown Jacksonville, The Jacksonville Landing is home to year-round entertainment, a wide variety of waterfront dining options and a cozy inside shopping mall, all of which are sure to complete an afternoon or evening of fun. The Landing hosts more than 400 events each year including Florida/Georgia Weekend celebrations, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, New Year's Eve and TaxSlayer Bowl celebrations, and more. Weekly events include live weekend entertainment in the center courtyard offering a variety of music. There is always something going on at The Jacksonville Landing, and a complete list of all Landing events can be found at their website.

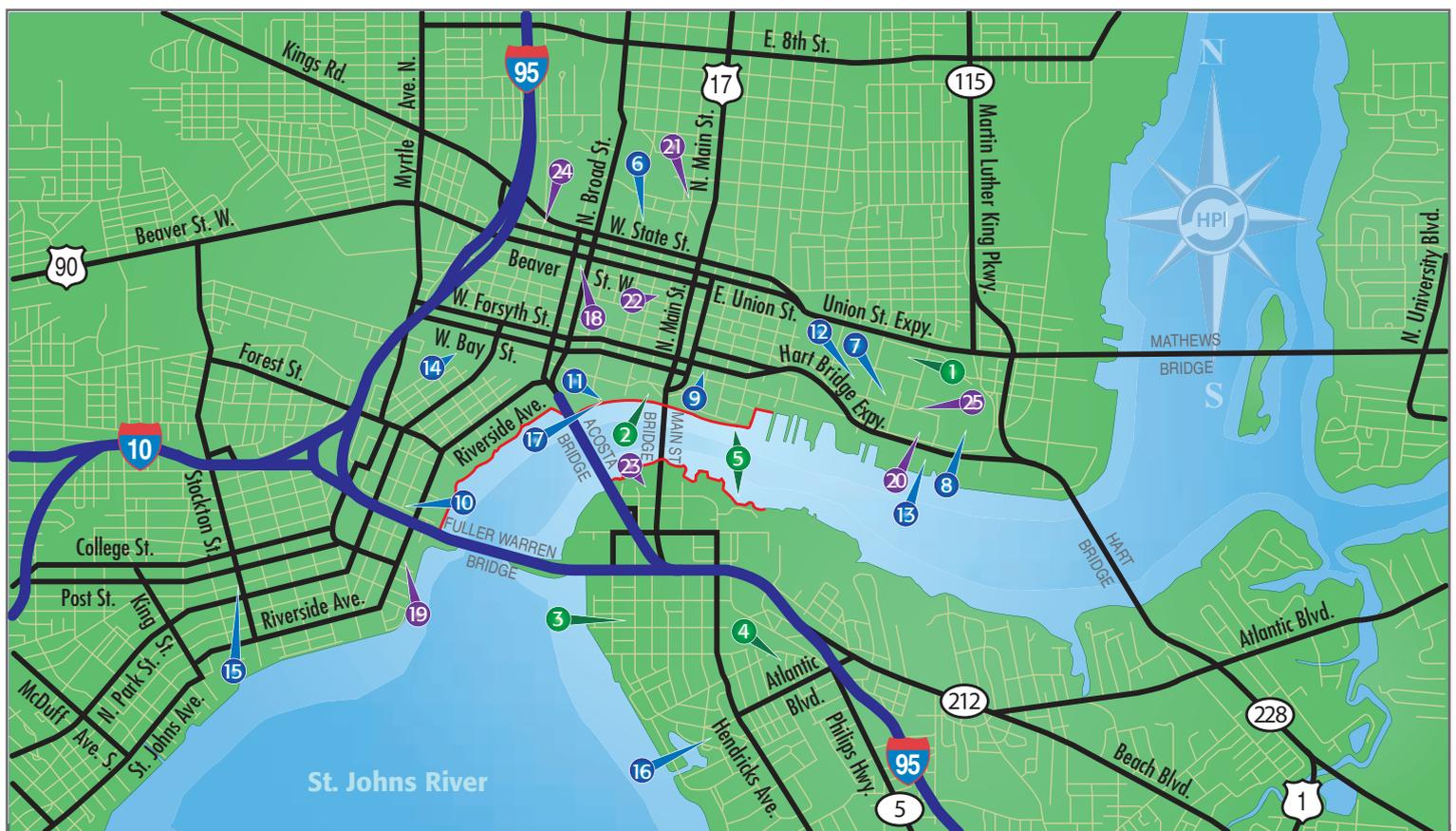
Peterbrooke Chocolate Factory Store

398-2489
249 Copeland St., Jacksonville
www.peterbrookefactory.com

Although the company now has 30 locations throughout Alabama, Florida and Georgia, the Peterbrooke Chocolatier phenomenon started right here in Jacksonville. The production center gives visitors what no other location can: a look at how Peterbrooke's European-style chocolates are made. Watch the unique Peterbrooke technique through a glass window and indulge in free samples. Tours are available during regular store hours.

Riverwalk

The Northbank Riverwalk stretches from I-95 at the Fuller Warren Bridge to Berkman Plaza 2, east of the Main Street Bridge. The Southbank Riverwalk begins at the River City Brewing Company, just north of the Acosta Bridge, and extends east to the Peninsula Condos. Illuminated in the evening for walkers and restaurant patrons, the Riverwalk can be accessed on foot only; there is no designated parking.



DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE

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NASSAU COUNTY

Amelia River Cruises

261-9972
1 N. Front St., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliarivercruises.com

Tour the waterways around Amelia and Cumberland islands alongside a knowledgeable tour guide and learn about the local history and nature. Along your way, you will see Fort Clinch, beautiful salt marshes, birds and marine life, and wild horses on Georgia's Cumberland Island.

Northeast Florida Fairgrounds

879-4682
543378 US Hwy. 1, Callahan
www.neffair.org

The Northeast Florida Fair is a family event with educational and entertainment-based activities. The fair includes games, food, livestock shows, talent shows and more. Visitors can check out the animals people have been raising throughout the year, including cattle, sheep, horses, rabbits and hogs.

Ride the Beaches of Amelia Island

277-7047
Peters Point Beach Front Park,
1974 S. Fletcher Ave., Fernandina Beach
www.ameliahorsebackriding.com

Owner Debbie Manser personalizes horseback riding adventures along Amelia Island's unspoiled beaches. Whether spending the day with family and friends, or enjoying a romantic date, you'll enjoy an exhilarating experience when you Ride the Beaches of Amelia Island.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park

829-3168
11 Magnolia Ave., St. Augustine
www.fountainofyouthflorida.com

In 1513, Juan Ponce de León came to the New World searching for the legendary Fountain of Youth. Come and drink from this natural spring and hear the story of Ponce de León. Beautiful gardens, a Timucuan village and a planetarium are also featured in the park.

Marineland Dolphin Adventure

471-1111
9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine
www.marineland.net

Marineland Dolphin Adventure provides an amazing opportunity to swim with the dolphins. Several programs are available for experienced swimmers and waders alike. Marineland also offers kayaking tours, summer camps for children and an environmental program for teenagers.

Old City Helicopters, LLC

824-5506
4900 US 1 N., Ste. 400, St. Augustine
www.oldcityhelicopters.com

One of the best ways to see St. Augustine is from the air. Depending on the tour, sightseers get a bird's eye view of the beach, the Castillo de San Marcos, Flagler College and the Bridge of Lions. Tours start at \$39 per person.



AMELIA ISLAND

Attractions

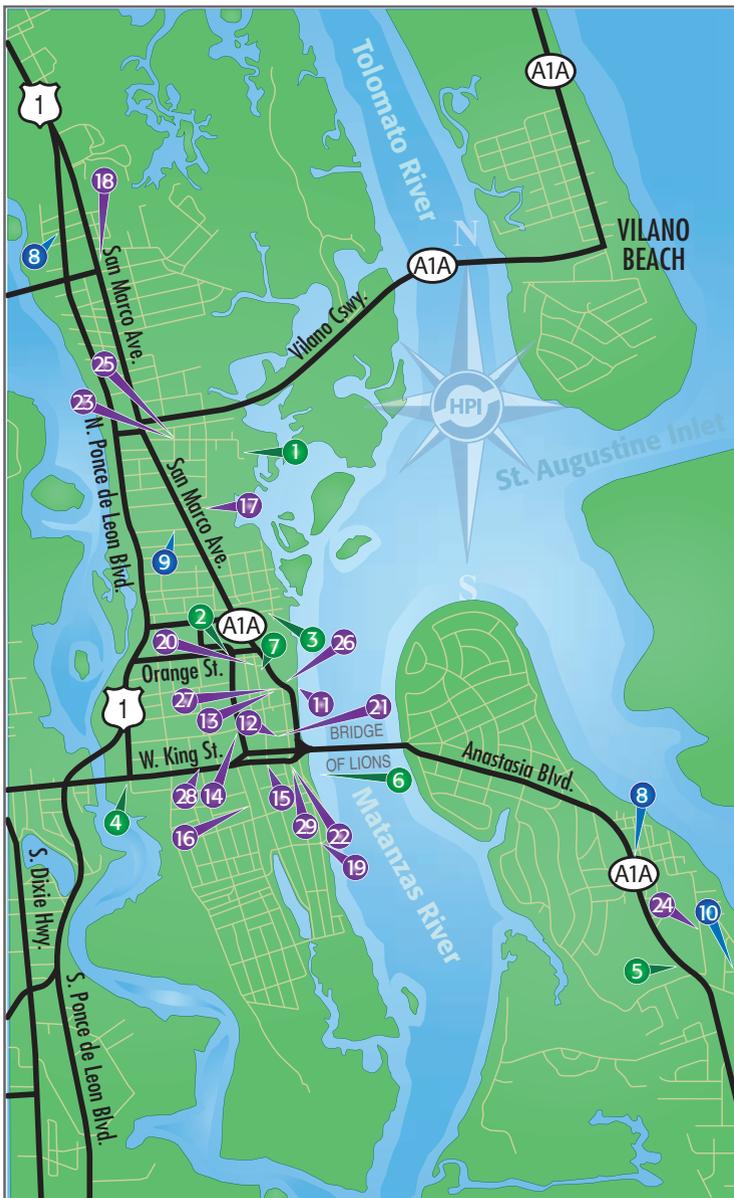
- 1 Amelia River Cruises
- 2 Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort
- 3 Ride the Beaches of Amelia Island

Entertainment Venues

- 4 Amelia Community Theatre
- 5 Fernandina Little Theatre

Historical Sites & Museums

- 6 Amelia Island Museum of History
- 7 Fernandina Beach Shrimping Museum & Welcome Center
- 8 Fort Clinch State Park



ST. AUGUSTINE

Attractions

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Entertainment Venues

- 8 Jackie Knight's Comedy Club at the Corner Bar
- 9 Limelight Theatre
- 10 St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Historical Sites & Museums

- 11 Castillo de San Marcos National Monument
- 12 Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine
- 13 Colonial Quarter

Potter's Wax Museum

829-9056
31 Orange St., St. Augustine
www.potterswax.com

Browse more than 160 realistic wax representations of famous people. The various rooms at Potter's Wax Museum feature movie stars, athletes, musicians, authors, presidents and explorers. Notable wax figures include Captain Jack Sparrow, Michael Jordan and U.S. presidents.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

824-1606
19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine
www.ripleys.com/staugustine

The Castle Warden, a Moorish Revival-style mansion built in 1887, is home to the St. Augustine location of Ripley's Believe It or Not! The museum showcases Robert L. Ripley's collection of more than 800 bizarre artifacts, including shrunken heads and a bone motorcycle.

Ripple Effect EcoTours

347-1565
101 Tolstoy Ln., St. Augustine
www.rippleeffectecotours.com

Informative guides lead tours through Anastasia State Park, Faver-Dykes State Park and Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Each trail is rich with beauty and wildlife. Ripple Effect also partners with Marineland and the University of Florida's Whitney Lab in environmental conservation, research and education.

San Sebastian Winery

826-1594
157 King St., St. Augustine
www.sansebastianwinery.com

San Sebastian Winery offers tours of the 18,000-square-foot facility daily, during regular business hours. Learn about the history of San Sebastian and winemaking on a wine-tasting tour enjoyed by novice wine drinkers and connoisseurs alike. An onsite jazz bar, the Cellar Upstairs, serves food and wine, while guests enjoy live contemporary jazz and blues.

St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

824-3337
999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine
www.alligatorfarm.com

Founded in 1893, the Alligator Farm is one of Florida's oldest zoological attractions. Maximo, a crocodile from Australia, is the largest animal in the park measuring more than 15 feet long and weighing 1,250 pounds. Other animals at the park include boa constrictors, cobras, parrots, owls and monkeys. Guests can also experience the zip line attraction, Crocodile Crossing.

St. Augustine Distillery

825-4962
112 Riberia St., St. Augustine
www.staugustinedistillery.com

The building's former life as a 1920s ice plant has transitioned into the St. Augustine Distillery. The distillery's goal is to produce the country's best farm-to-bottle spirits. Learn about the history of the distillery during a tour, and finish by watching spirits made from scratch with local ingredients and historic techniques. Tours and tastings are free of charge. Take a stroll upstairs and step back into the historical period of the 20th century by visiting the Ice Plant on the second floor, where visitors can have a cocktail and a bite to eat.



St. Augustine Distillery, photo courtesy of floridashistoriccoast.com

St. Augustine Eco Tours

377-7245
111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine
www.staugustineecotours.com

St. Augustine Eco Tours offers excursions by boat and kayak. Each tour guide is a certified naturalist, with a love of nature and expert knowledge of marine life. Tour locations include Faver-Dykes State Park, Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, Moses Creek Conservation Area, Moultrie Creek and Washington Oaks Gardens State Park.

St. Augustine Scenic Cruise

824-1806
4125 Coastal Hwy., St. Augustine
www.scenic-cruise.com

St. Augustine's original sightseeing cruise was started by Henry Flagler in the 1900s. Flagler wanted to entertain guests on North Beach, which was only accessible by boat. Today, narrated tours are available year-round, excluding January, for those interested in viewing St. Augustine from a whole new perspective.

St. George Street

Enter St. Augustine through the Old City Gates and you will find yourself on St. George Street. Lined with historic homes from various periods, the thoroughfare is loaded with unique shops and one-of-a-kind restaurants.

St. Johns County Fairgrounds

209-0332
5840 SR 207, Elkton
www.sjcfll.us/fairgrounds

The St. Johns County Fairgrounds hosts events year round—rain or shine. These events include concerts, rodeos, dog shows, horseshoe tournaments and the annual St. Johns County Agricultural Fair.

World Golf Hall of Fame and IMAX® Theater

940-4123
1 World Golf Pl., St. Augustine
www.worldgolfhalloffame.org
www.worldgolfimax.com

Celebrate the history of the game at the World Golf Hall of Fame. Visitors can view artifacts from past players all the way to new hall-of-fame inductees, in addition to testing their golf skills with hands-on exhibits. Also located in the World Golf Village, the IMAX Theater boasts a 3-D digital screen—the largest in the Southeast.



Legacy Exhibit, photo courtesy of Brittany Schnorr



AREA MOVIE THEATERS

CLAY COUNTY

AMC Orange Park 24
1910 Wells Rd., Orange Park

Carmike Cinemas Fleming Island 12
1820 Town Center Blvd., Fleming Island

DUVAL

AMC Regency 24
9451 Regency Square Blvd., Jacksonville

Cinemark Tinseltown and XD
4535 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville

Regal Avenues Stadium 20
9525 Philips Hwy., Jacksonville

Regal Beach Boulevard Stadium 18
14051 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville

Regal River City Marketplace Stadium 14
12884 City Center Blvd., Jacksonville

San Marco Theatre
1996 San Marco Blvd., Jacksonville

Sun-Ray Cinema
1028 Park St., Jacksonville

NASSAU COUNTY

Carmike Cinemas Amelia Island 7
1132 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Corazon Cinema and Café, The
36 Granada St., St. Augustine

Epic Theatres of St. Augustine
112 Theatre Dr., St. Augustine



Bistro AIX, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville

DINING

Northeast Florida is home to many special restaurants. No matter what you're in the mood for, the First Coast has a restaurant that is sure to satisfy your taste buds.

With a wide variety of national and local restaurants, the First Coast is always serving up something scrumptious. Enjoy dishes from around the world, ranging from Portuguese cuisine to Southern favorites. No matter where you are along the coast, fresh seafood is always an option. For those of you on the go, take a look at the list of food trucks to find one to satisfy your hunger. Whether you're looking for sophisticated dining or somewhere to refuel after a long day of shopping, the First Coast has many options that are sure to please everyone at the table.

"Enjoy dishes from around the world, ranging from Portuguese cuisine to Southern favorites."

CLAY COUNTY

If you're in the Clay County area, there are many local eateries that will satisfy any palette. For seafood, try **Whitey's Fish Camp**. Whitey's serves up fresh seafood, but with a Florida twist. Enjoy favorites such as gator tail for an appetizer before your fish tacos. **Island Life Grill** in Fleming Island also focuses on fresh seafood and gives patrons a relaxing experience. For a variety of Italian dishes, head to **Pasta Market Italian Restaurant**. This local restaurant offers traditional Italian fare, such as tortellini quattro formaggi and chicken marsala. Head to **Sorbello's Sicilian Restaurant**, where the décor and food is reminiscent of Sicily. Branch out of the norm and try some Vietnamese pho or udon noodle soup at **Little Saigon Café**.

For dates and business meetings, try **The Hilltop Club**. This luxurious dining experience will not disappoint. The Hilltop Club not only provides a five star menu, but gorgeous views of the garden. Encompassing the natural beauty of the First Coast, the restaurant is a great place for private parties and weddings.

DUVAL – BEACHES

Head east to find beachside restaurants like **Dwight's Bistro** for Italian cuisine paired with a wine from their wide selection. **Eleven South Bistro and Bar** boasts an open flame mesquite wood grill that adds flavor to their menu, which includes goat cheese chicken saltimbocca and lobster macaroni and cheese. Enjoy local seafood at **Two Dudes** where you get a taste of beach culture in a charming hole-in-the-wall restaurant. In Neptune Beach, **Mezza Restaurant and Bar** gives customers three dining options to make the most of their experience. Take a seat at the relaxed bar and lounge, enjoy the fresh air on their patio or choose to dine in their formal dining area. **North Beach Bistro** offers an assortment of dishes from a variety of cultures, including burgers, flatbread pizzas and chicken milanese. Take a group and rent their private dining area that includes an art gallery. For a fusion of flavors, try **Roy's**—where the food of the Atlantic meets the flavor of the Pacific. Breakfast or lunch fans should head to **Metro Diner**, which can be found all over the First Coast. One of Guy Fieri's stops on *Diners, Drive-Ins and Drives*, Metro Diner is a local favorite. Just make sure you get there early to avoid the rush.

DUVAL – NORTH

For those dining on the Northside, head to the **Green Papaya** to taste their Asian-influenced fare. The chefs at Green Papaya work to provide customers with unique flavors that incorporate different Asian cooking styles. Taste their mango chicken, phad ba mee or mussels and hot peppers. Pizza-lovers can head to **Blaze Pizza**, which offers healthy pizza for everyone, including vegans and people with gluten-free diets. Diners have the choice to make their own pizzas or try one of their nine signature pizzas. The **Millhouse Steakhouse** not only serves delicious steaks, but also gives diners options such as chicken and sausage gumbo, the grilled meatloaf sandwich, and even stir-fry options.

DUVAL – SOUTH

Jacksonville's Southside and Baymeadows region offers customers numerous dining choices. **Ill Forks** embodies fine dining with their USDA Prime select cuts of steak, fresh seafood and local favorites like lobster risotto. Enjoy the dining area or their patio lounge to experience Jacksonville's warm weather. For a unique eating experience, try **The Melting Pot**. Dip everything from your appetizer to dessert in one of their fondues. This interactive dining will be sure to make memories.

At the St. Johns Town Center, there are many fine dining options to experience after a long day of shopping. Enjoy the locally owned **M Shack** for classic burgers, fries and milkshakes. **BlackFinn Ameripub** looks to cater to its guests and give them a great experience. Try a steakhouse salad or a classic burger paired with a local craft beer. For dessert, try carnival-style funnel fries with raspberry, chocolate and caramel dipping sauces. On the other side of the Town Center, try **Seasons 52**. Their menu changes with each season and only offers low-calorie meals. Pair a wine from their list with one of their ever-changing entrees or try one of their seasonal cocktails. If you're in the mood for fresh seafood, try **Mitchell's Fish Market**. Pick the fresh fish of your liking from the Today's Market Catch section of the menu. If you aren't in the mood for fish, try one of their seaside entrees, such as the Alaskan king crab or shrimp scampi capellini.

An option in San Marco is **Bistro AIX**, which offers a "laissez-faire" type of French dining. If you aren't in the mood for dinner, try **Bar X**, which has an extensive wine list that is sure to have the perfect one. If you're looking for a night to remember, book a reservation at **Ruth's Chris Steak House** to try one of their famous steaks and fresh desserts.



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In Jacksonville's Mandarin neighborhood, **Clark's Fish Camp** is the place to go for a unique experience. Located right on the St. Johns River—so close you can even dock your boat—Clark's offers anything from fresh seafood to more exotic dishes including gator tail, fried snake and even ostrich. Explore the camp and take a look at Lilly's Pad, a live alligator exhibit, or the largest taxidermy collection in the U.S. If that doesn't satisfy your current craving, try **Picasso's**, an Italian restaurant where everything is homemade. Try their fresh pizza or Mayport shrimp scampi. Most of their dishes originate from the chef's hometown of St. Louis and the food he loves. Picasso's strives to incorporate local ingredients to give it a real First Coast feel.

DUVAL – WEST

If you're looking for a place to go after a show at the Veteran's Memorial Arena or one of the many downtown events, try some of these restaurants located in downtown Jacksonville, Riverside and the riverfront neighborhoods. **Black Sheep**, a trendy restaurant with a rooftop bar, offers a modern take on traditional Southern food. Head there for dinner and then enjoy drinks on the roof where guests can catch a beautiful view of Five Points. **Biscottis** offers a coffeehouse feel with fresh desserts and gourmet dinners. Open late on Fridays and Saturdays, this is an ideal spot to wind down after a long night downtown.

DINING

NASSAU COUNTY

Finish off a day at the beach or exploring historical Amelia Island with one of the special restaurants that Nassau County has to offer. If you're looking for a comfortable setting with unique food, find your way to **29 South**. They bring the First Coast's laidback ambiance together with a creative menu. Try unique mash-ups such as their lobster corn dog or shrimp and grits pizza. For dessert, sample their Chocolate Soufflé Disaster which comes with butter pecan ice cream. If you're looking to expand your cultural horizons, head to **España Restaurant & Tapas** in Fernandina Beach. They combine the traditional cuisines of Spain and Portugal. Try one of their many tapas, or appetizers, or the Spanish paella. Located within The Ritz-Carlton, **Salt** brings fine dining to visitors and residents of Amelia Island. Enjoy their signature steak and eggs dish, which is a beef tenderloin served on a 250 million-year-old Himalayan salt block. Try the Chef's Adventure Menu for a four-course experience. For an Italian lunch or dinner, dine at **Ciao Italian Bistro**. Their homemade Italian cuisine and familial atmosphere makes any guest feel at home. Try their veal piccata or rigatoni ciao for the classic Italian experience. Start or end your day with any of these local spots for a memorable outing.



TacoLu Patio, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Stunning St. Johns County has many beachside restaurants that encompass the great food the First Coast has to offer. Ponte Vedra Beach has many options for hungry visitors to try. Located on the Intracoastal waters, **Palm Valley Fish Camp** serves the freshest seafood Ponte Vedra has to offer. Dig into the Mayport shrimp and grits or blue crab cakes for lunch or dinner. While dining, take in the view of the water and breathe in the sea air. If your taste buds want to take a trip around the world, head to **Restaurant Medure**, where you can find anything from local seafood to escargot, and experience their dining area or lounge section while enjoying one of their classic cocktails. Eat dinner by a lagoon and waterfall at **Vernon's**, located at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. They use locally grown produce and fresh Florida seafood. Before dinner, play a few holes on the legendary TPC Sawgrass course to work up an appetite.

Travel farther south to experience St. Augustine's selection of outstanding restaurants. Filled with history and pristine beaches, visitors will want to spend the entire day in the area. Visit some of these restaurants during a long day of exploring. For a Middle Eastern and Asian experience try the **95 Cordova**, located in the Casa Monica Hotel. Enjoy pita bread and spinach artichoke dip for a starter. For dinner, taste the coriander-crust sea scallops. Each entrée is accompanied by a list of wines that will enhance the dish's flavors. Those headed to St. George Street for shopping can stop by **Columbia Restaurant**. Taste the original 1905 salad, named for the year the restaurant was established, or the traditional Spanish paella campesina. For a whirlwind of tastes, the **Gypsy Cab Company** utilizes flavors from all over the world, including Germany, Italy, Asia and the Caribbean. The casual dining experience allows diners to relax and enjoy their international cuisine.

Dining on the First Coast is anything but ordinary. Take time to experience a variety of flavors and cuisines this area has to offer, whether you crave a favorite comfort food or are looking to taste dishes from far away lands. No matter what you are in the mood for, the First Coast has something for you.



Café Nola, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Biscottis, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville



Black Sheep Rooftop, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville



Jax Food Truckies, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville

FIRST COAST FOOD TRUCKS

The tastiest trend in the U.S. is food trucks. The First Coast is no exception, and has been a front runner in this new type of food service. With more than 100 trucks rolling on the First Coast, food trucks have come a long way, now serving fresh, locally grown fare for every foodie. Enjoy fresh breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert with the First Coast food trucks. Make it a scrumptious adventure to find your favorite food truck. Check out www.eatdrinkjax.com or www.jaxtruckies.org to find their locations and menus.

5Loaves2Fish	Cuban Fire Grill	The Little Family Crepes	Son of a Butcher
Backyard Pops	Dagwood's Original 1976 Food Truck	The Loving Cup	S.O.S Diner
Bacon & Butts	Danilo's Famous Lumpia	Mama's Food	South In Your Mouth
Baby's Badass Burgers	Delish Kebabs	Manila Stix	Sporks Food Truck
Backstreets Catering	Driftwood BBQ	Mister Softee	Super Food Truck
BBQ Jax	Eddis and Sons	Mother Truckin' Pizza	Sweeto Burrito
Berry Good Farms on the Go	Folkfood	Muzzi's Madhouse	Sweet On You
Big Island Bowls	Front Porch Kettle Corn	Nalu's Tropical Takeout	Taco Charro Taco Truck
The Blu Claw	Funkadelic Food Truck	Nitrogen Creamery	Tado Street
Blue Pacific Grill & Taco Bar	Fusion Food Truck	On The Fly Sandwiches	Tailgater Toby
Blue Wave Coffee	Gourmet Aviator	Pita Boss	Taste Buds Express
Bold City Pops	Guanabana Artisan	PJ's Dog House	Taste of the Islands
Butt Hutt Smokehouse	Ice Pops	Pounders Burgers	Mobile Café LLC
The Cat's Meow Culinary Express	Hapa Li	Professor Panini	Top Hat Kettle Corn, LLC
Cely's Filipino Food	The Happy Grilled Cheese	Rat Race Phillies	Trailer Pork BBQ
Chew Chew Food Co.	Hot Diggity Dawgs	RC's Tasty Treats	Tremendous BBQ
Chocolate Charlie Confections	Hot Rod's Mobile Muncher	Rocco's Pizza Truck	Tropi-Cali Food Truck
Chunky Tomato	Hyppo Pops Truck	Rockstar Burgers	Uptown Scratch Kitchen
Cold Calf	Jalapeño Truck	Rolz	Up In Smoke BBQ
Corner Taco	Julie's Sweet Stuff	The Salty Dog	Vagabond Coffee
Crave Food Truck	Kona Ice Downtown Jax and Southeast Jax	Say Cheese	Von Zippers Mexican Grill
Cravingz Mobile Kitchen	Latin Soul Grille	Seaweeds Maine	Wauga Wauga Gourmet Fusion
Crawford Smokin' Grill	Le Petite Cheri Cupcakery	Lobster Rolls	What's The Catch?
		Simply Sweetie's	Wrap It Up In Jax
		Smoke It Up Barbecue	



San Marco, photo courtesy of Ryan Ketterman for Visit Jacksonville

SHOPPING

The vastness of the First Coast provides residents with many options to find clothing, accessories or gadgets.

Whether you're looking for a cute beachside boutique or your favorite store, the First Coast shopping scene has everything you need. Take a day to do some retail therapy at one of our many shopping centers in Northeast Florida. Located below are some favorites of First Coast residents.

CLAY COUNTY

Orange Park Mall

1910 Wells Rd., Orange Park
www.simon.com/mall/orangepark

Take a trip to Clay County for the Orange Park Mall where you can shop, eat or enjoy a movie at the AMC Orange Park 24 Theatre. You can find the perfect back-to-school outfit at the mall's Cotton:On, PacSun or Zumiez. Find everything you need at department stores such as Belk or Dillard's. There are many dining options at their large food court.

Fleming Island

For those of you in the Fleming Island area, there are a few small shopping centers and individual stores in the area, such as Target, Artsy Abode and Kohl's. Dining options include Hop Shing, Panera and Unique Pizzeria.

DUVAL - BEACHES

Beaches Town Center

Atlantic Blvd. and First St., Neptune Beach
www.beachestowncenter.com

At the beaches, enjoy the salty breeze while perusing the Beaches Town Center. Located in Neptune Beach, the shopping center offers The BookMark, Bali Cargo Company, Jaffi's and Shoreline, to name a few, for your shopping needs. There are also plenty of restaurants for after you've worked up an appetite.

DUVAL - NORTH

River City Marketplace

I-95 and Airport Rd., Jacksonville

North Duval has a great mall for every shopping need. The River City Marketplace is located near Jacksonville International Airport and is convenient for North Duval residents. With a Charming Charlie's, ULTA Beauty and other major stores, the marketplace offers residents a full day of shopping.

DUVAL – SOUTH

Avenues, The

10300 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville
www.simon.com/mall/the-avenues

Off of Southside Boulevard, The Avenues provides Northeast Florida residents with an indoor shopping mall. The Avenues has several anchor stores including Belk, Dillard's and JCPenny's. This mall also has plenty of dining options throughout, for hungry shoppers in need of sustenance while on a shopping spree.

Markets at Town Center, The

4875 Town Center Pkwy., Jacksonville
www.marketsattowncenter.com

St. Johns Town Center

4663 River City Dr., Jacksonville
www.simon.com/mall/st-johns-town-center

Take a stroll through the St. Johns Town Center and the Markets at Town Center, conveniently located off of Interstate-295 and JTB. Some of the best shopping in the area, the Town Center has something for every need. These two shopping centers are located so close together that even the novice shopper can make their way through the shops in a day. With an Artsy Abode, Brighton and Kay Jewelers, everyone can find the perfect accessory to finish their look at the St. Johns Town

Center. For a great outfit, check out Anthropologie, fab'rik, or Express. There are also locally owned restaurants located around the mall including M Shack and Moxie. The Markets at Town Center is home to BestBuy, Toys "R" Us, Babies "R" Us, REI and more. There are also upscale restaurants to finish off the day, including Seasons 52 and BJ's.

San Marco Square

San Marco Blvd. and Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville

San Marco Square has some of Jacksonville's best one-of-a-kind shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. Shop at local boutiques such as Olive, Rosie True and Therapie. Dining includes The Grotto, bb's, Maple Street Biscuit Company and more. San Marco is home to Theatre Jacksonville, a volunteer community theater founded in 1919, and San Marco Theatre, a local theater that serves food, beer and wine for movie-goers.

"Whether you're by the beaches, in North, South or West Duval, everyone's needs can be taken care of with the plethora of shopping malls and locations."



St. Johns Town Center - Nordstrom, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

SHOPPING

DUVAL – WEST

Five Points

Park St., Margaret St. and Lomax St., Jacksonville
www.5pointsjax.com

Five Points is an artsy, historic shopping district in Riverside where three roads meet to create a five-point intersection. The Five Points Theatre was the first in the area to show “talking films,” and today, the theater features independent films and classics. Stores include Edge City, Midnight Sun and Wolfgang. The area also has several restaurants such as Black Sheep, Cozy Tea and Hawkers Asian Street Fare.

Shoppes of Avondale, The

St. Johns Ave., Jacksonville
www.shoppesofavondale.com

Visit the Shoppes of Avondale along St. Johns Avenue in historic Avondale. Avondale’s unique stores include Avondale Gift Boutique, Ellie Bing, Hooshang Oriental Rugs and others. The area also features some First Coast-favorite dining options like Biscottis, Brick Restaurant and West Inn.

NASSAU COUNTY

Centre Street

8th St. and Atlantic Ave./Centre St., Fernandina Beach

Centre Street, in the historic district of Fernandina Beach, is home to small, quaint shops and delectable eateries. Stores include Bijoux Amelia, The Book Loft, Twisted Sisters and more. Dine at Brett’s Waterway Cafe, Cafe Karibo, Le Clos, 29 South or the Crab Trap.

Shops of Amelia Island Plantation, The

39 Beach Lagoon Rd., Amelia Island
www.omnihotels.com/hotels/amelia-island-plantation

The Shops of Amelia Island Plantation offers upscale stores and salons in the beautiful Omni Amelia Island Plantation. Some options are Amelia’s Signature Shop, Harrison’s Mercantile, Monkey Barrel, The Queen Bee, Resort To Home, Shoe Visions and the Spa Boutique. All are on the grounds at the Plantation, a short walk for guests and residents.

"Whether you're in Ponte Vedra Beach or St. Augustine, finding somewhere to buy unique clothing and decorations, or the everyday essentials, is easy as pie."

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Nocatee Town Center

Marketside Ave., Ponte Vedra
www.nocatee.com/location/town-center

The Nocatee Town Center is just minutes from Nocatee’s neighborhood villages—making it perfect for residents to walk or bike to their favorite shops and restaurants. Stores include Hair Cuttery, Luxury Nail Spa and Yobe Frozen Yogurt. The Nocatee Town Center is home to the largest Publix Supermarket in Northeast Florida. The Town Center also features corporate and professional office space for both small and large businesses.

Sawgrass Village

1100 Sawgrass Village Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach
www.sawgrassvillagepvb.com

Sawgrass Village’s lakefront shops let patrons enjoy the sun while they browse through this outdoor shopping center. There are one-of-a-kind boutiques and upscale stores such as A’propos Boutique, Chico’s, Lemon Twist, Marcia’s Place and Village Jeweler. You can also visit Sawgrass Nails and Village Arts Framing & Gallery. Dining at Sawgrass Village includes Aqua Grill, Caffe Andiamo and Trasca & Co. Eatery.

St. Augustine Outlets

500 Outlet Mall Blvd., St. Augustine
www.staugoutlets.com

Conveniently located at State Road 16 and Interstate-95, the St. Augustine Outlets features more than 80 outlet stores that offer everyday savings. Stores include BCBGMaxazria, Cole Haan, Dooney & Bourke, Guess, Gucci, Hugo Boss, New York & Co., PacSun, Papaya, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th and Talbots. Visit Guest Services to receive additional savings, announcements and special services.

St. Augustine Premium Outlets

2700 SR 16, St. Augustine
www.premiumoutlets.com/staugustine

St. Augustine Premium Outlets is located on State Road 16 off of Interstate-95, just 30 minutes south of Jacksonville. You can find a collection of 85 outlet stores including Adidas, Bose, Coach, Gymboree Outlet, Harry & David, J. Crew, Janie and Jack, Levi’s Outlet Store, Nike Factory Store, Puma, White House Black Market and many more.

St. George Street

St. George St., St. Augustine

St. George Street is the center of the historic shopping district in St. Augustine. You will find many treasures along these streets, with unique shops nestled among numerous historic sites. Shop at Silver Feather Jewelry and Gifts, Red Pineapple, Cottonways or any of the other small shops along the historic street.



St. George Street, photo courtesy of Betsy Dailo



Local craft beer, photo courtesy of Visit Jacksonville

NIGHTLIFE

Dance the night away or find a cozy table for two. No matter your heart's desire, you'll find it here as the sun sets and the street lights twinkle to life.

When the workday is done and the sun has gone down, Jacksonville's nightlife comes alive. Spanning the heart of downtown Jacksonville is what is known as "The Elbow," a collection of bars, nightclubs and venues sure to bring some pep into your nighttime activities. Another popular string of pubs and bars, located at the beaches, is the can't-miss nightlife experience referred to by locals as "The Golden Mile." Regardless of where you begin your nightlife journey, from Nassau County to St. Johns and everywhere in between, the First Coast is brimming with late night hot spots to dance and play the night away.

CLAY COUNTY

Somewhat removed from the "big city nightlife" in Jacksonville are many treasures within Clay County. In Orange Park you will find several great places to stop in at and have a good time after a long workday.

Miller's Ale House offers up a casual neighborhood tavern feel with draughts and ale on tap and an easy-going atmosphere sure to help ease away the stress of the day. Find your own place where everybody knows your name and stop in at **Cheers Bar and Grill**. With live music, DJs and specials throughout the week, Cheers is a perfect place to meet new friends. Happy hour, live music, entertainment and karaoke keep things lively over at **Locals Pub**. With a full bar and friendly staff, you'll feel like a native in no time. The 21 and up crowd will surely find something to enjoy at **Silverado Nightclub** in Orange Park. Whether it's a country and western night with a wooden dance floor, a trip back in time to the 70s and 80s at Retro Club, or a DJ-hosted dance party, you'll find it at Silverado. Stop in at **Mellow Mushroom** in Fleming Island for a psychedelic time of gourmet pizza slices to pair with draughts and specialty drinks. **The Roadhouse** in Orange Park is a local favorite. Pool tournaments, happy hour, Ladies' Night and 2forTuesday deals are just a few of the fun times to be had at this sports bar.

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DUVAL – BEACHES

For an evening on the beach with live music, karaoke and dancing, visit one of the many seaside locations offering up a good time. Making up The Golden Mile are several fabulous spots to hit as you make your way along the sandy coast. **Pete’s Bar** has been a beaches tradition since 1933 with a great mix of locals and tourists partying the night away. **Ragtime Tavern** offers good food, fun times and expertly crafted beers for patrons year after year. In the tradition of pubs across Ireland, **Lynch’s Irish Pub** hangs their customers’ dollar bills from the ceiling and walls, creating an instant conversation piece. Located just feet away from the water, **The Lemon Bar** provides a cool atmosphere and an oceanfront patio while offering their frothy signature concoctions that will leave you wanting more. As night falls, **The Pier Cantina & Sandbar** comes alive with live music downstairs, while the upstairs is host to some of the area’s hottest DJs. Both floors consist of large bars ready to serve your thirst needs. Another great stop on The Golden Mile is **The Ritz Bar and Lounge**. With daily drink specials, nightly DJs and happy hour until 8 p.m., it is a great place to relax and unwind after a long day. Not to be missed is **The Shim Sham Room**, a “rock n’ roll, drink-like-you-mean-it cocktail bar” with an upstairs dance area and expansive patio bar waiting to take care of your drinking desires. Rounding up the stretch of hot spots along the beaches is **The Brix Taphouse**, with 32 different draughts on tap, signature hand-crafted cocktails and live local musicians rocking the night away.

DUVAL – SOUTH

Get your shopping done at the St. Johns Town Center before visiting one of the many bars and restaurants in the area. For a sophisticated night of creative drinks, visit Suite, a premium lounge that serves an extensive list of unique cocktails, spirits and fine wines. An elegant night of wine tasting, live jazz and trivia can be found at **The Grotto Wine and Tapas Bar**. In Mandarin, **Harmonious Monks** is known for their combination of great food and talented wait staff providing your entertainment in their show on Friday and Saturday nights. Shake your tambourine and immerse yourself into the show as you become part of the “Harmonious Monks Experience.” **World of Beer** is the craft beer tavern offering aromatic beer, music and fun to all who enter. Allow their staff to help you pair their delectable fare with just the right brew. Locally owned and loved is **Ovinté**, the perfect place to enjoy the company of friends—sip on wine, enjoy a hand-crafted cocktail, or sit down for a European-style dinner of tapas and small plates. **BB’s** in San Marco is “a groovy place to b.” and offers a full service bar with a great wine selection, handcrafted cocktails and weekly happy hour specials.

DUVAL – WEST

Not to be outdone by the beach scene, downtown Jacksonville has an assortment of eclectic restaurants and bars unique to the First Coast. Whether it’s drinks on a rooftop overlooking the St. Johns River or sampling a local brew after dinner, downtown has some of the largest beer selections in the area. The Elbow is downtown Jacksonville’s entertainment hub that encompasses eight restaurants and nine bars with three additional spots to open sometime this year. The **Hourglass Pub & Coffee Shop** is where the beer is cold, the coffee is hot and the classic coin-op arcade is open. Enjoy hot and cold drinks, hookah and billiards all in one stop. **Dos Gatos**, Jacksonville’s genuine cocktail lounge, serves up their signature cocktails daily, including their famous Señor Extravagante and their taste bud-tingling Orange Jalapeño



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Margarita. With live DJs, dance parties and “Almost Friday” Long Islands, **Mark’s Downtown Club/Lounge** is a great place to kick back and let loose after a long work week. New to the area in 2016 is **Levels Nightclub**, a perfect place to try out your dancing shoes, let your hair down and let loose.

There is much fun to be had beyond The Elbow, too. Put your favorite cowboy boots on and head over to **Mavericks** at Jacksonville Landing for a country experience like no other. You’ll find line dancing, live performers and nightly drink specials. Stroll into **Dahlia’s Pour House** in Riverside and experience their new rotating wine bar with 18 wines on tap, 85 draughts, and events such as “Talk like a Pirate Day.” Enjoy an evening of cocktails and music at **LIT Downtown** while experiencing one of the “most intimate yet energetic dance floors in Jacksonville.” A stop in at **The Loft** offers up a full bar and your favorite tunes spun by resident DJs as well as guests. From indie rock to dance party mixes, this local hot spot lets you rock the night away in style.

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Up in Amelia Island, the **Palace Saloon** is the oldest saloon in Florida and was the last tavern to close during Prohibition. Step back into history and ask for one of their ghost stories while enjoying a cold drink and live music. **The Green Turtle Tavern** upholds the authenticity of Key West with music on the porch and a laidback atmosphere while offering an assortment of refreshments and an extensive bourbon collection to satisfy your palette. For dog lovers everywhere, **Dog Star Tavern** is a perfect choice. A truly dog-friendly atmosphere, they allow furry companions to accompany their humans on their night out on the town. Stop in and enjoy the outside bar area while nibbling on tasty appetizers and tossing back a few cold ones. Fernandina Beach’s **Café Karibo** proudly offers eclectic cuisine to tempt your taste buds while pouring draughts and cocktails to satisfy your thirst.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Ice Plant in St. Augustine was built in a refurbished ice plant and still maintains the character of the early 20th century. Known for their craft cocktails, they serve creative concoctions such as the “Flagler Billionaire” or the “Florida Mule.” By incorporating heirloom sugar cane into their drink specials, Ice Plant tips their hats to Florida’s long history with sugar cane. Also in St. Augustine is **Scarlett O’Hara’s**, which has a hidden “ghost bar” upstairs that is listed in the National Directory of Haunted Places. This local treasure has been a tradition in St. Augustine for over 35 years, with accolades for “The Best Neighborhood Bar” five years running. Scarlett’s is a cozy pub with an outdoor porch and oyster bar overlooking Hypolita Street. Nestled between Hybiscus and Rio Vista avenues is **Arnold’s Cocktail Lounge** with an extensive bar, weekly open dart tournaments, karaoke parties and their famous Steak Night every Thursday. At over 130 years old, the **Mill Top Tavern** in historic St. Augustine is one of the best known taverns in Florida. Locals and tourists alike enjoy the great atmosphere, food and drinks while surrounded by landmarks and “the ghosts of St. Augustine past.” Also take advantage of a unique opportunity and join in their Listening Room for some great tunes to relax or jam to, depending on your mood. Rich in history and dedicated to having fun, **TradeWinds Lounge** is a St. Augustine tradition dating back more than 70 years. They offer up live music, open mic nights, happy hour and the possibility of a friendly ghost visit from the former TradeWinds owner, Duke, as he stops by to check on things on this side of the realm.

No matter where you are on the First Coast, there are oodles of options for you to enjoy a night of kicking up your heels and tossing back a few. For whatever mood you’re in—a cool glass of Chardonnay, a local craft beer or a cold, sweet drink—the atmosphere of these nightlife locations will give you a welcome break after a busy day. Take time for yourself, get to know your new home and visit any number of these local spots and celebrate your life living on the coast.



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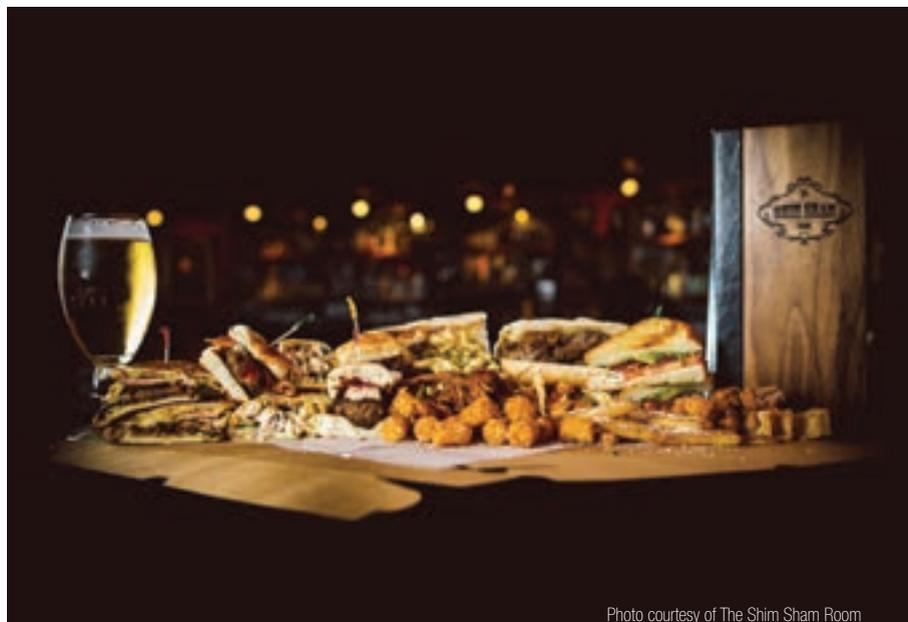


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Live, work and play in our bold new city of the South. Whether you are looking for outdoor adventure, a family-friendly neighborhood or a thriving art scene, you can be proud to call the First Coast your home.

now that you've glimpsed life in Jacksonville and the surrounding area, you can see why we are proud to call Florida's First Coast home. Blessed with glorious weather, beautiful beaches, a dynamic, contemporary culture and an illustrious history, the First Coast is a true Southern treasure.

Here, in Northeast Florida, the future is bright. Local leaders work diligently to make the region an attractive place to build and grow business, with a focus on drawing a highly skilled, diverse workforce. At the same time, leaders in the community recognize the need to maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy.

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With a wide array of options, from urban epicenters to rural farming communities, newcomers can find the exact lifestyle they are looking for. In essence, the First Coast is the perfect place to live, work and play.

Here on the First Coast, we have much to celebrate. And celebrate we do—every season of the year. From the Opening of the Beaches Parade in spring to the holiday classic Nights of Lights celebration in winter, you'll find plenty of festive gatherings where people come together and enjoy good food, lavish entertainment and pure fun.

We hope you enjoy your time in this wonderful area!

BAKER COUNTY

Battle of Olustee

February

In remembrance of Florida's largest Civil War battle, fought Feb. 20, 1864, this event attracts hundreds of reenactors and spectators each year. The reenactment takes place at the Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. The weekend includes guest speakers and a Civil War-era parade. For more information, visit www.battleofolustee.org.

CLAY COUNTY

Northeast Florida Scottish Games & Festival

February

Each year, hundreds of visitors gather at this event to enjoy "a wee bit o' Scotland." The festival includes Scottish fare, music, demonstrations and traditional Highland games. Events such as pub crawls and the Kilted Golf Tournament lead up to the festival. For more information, visit www.neflgames.com.

Carrie Clarke Day

March

Within the past several years, this event has developed into a daylong festival honoring one of Orange Park's pioneers—Carrie Clarke. Participants go back in time to life during the late 1800s with reenactments featuring Mrs. Clarke and her husband, William. Festival-goers will also enjoy guided tours of the historic Clarke House, exhibits and live entertainment. For more information, visit www.ophistory.org.

Clay County Railroad Festival

March

A Green Cove Springs tradition, this festival focuses on the history and influence of railroads in Clay County. Festival highlights include tours of an old train depot, the historic courthouse and jail, and the Clay County Museum and Historical Society. Live entertainment, crafts and reenactments are also featured. For more information, visit www.greencovesprings.com.

DUVAL COUNTY

Opening of the Beaches

April

Come celebrate this longtime tradition as the beach community kicks off the summer season. Each year, Jacksonville Beach holds the Beaches Opening Parade featuring pirates, pooches and floats galore. The festivities also include an annual sandcastle competition. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

One Spark

April

Entrepreneurs and consumers alike gather in downtown Jacksonville for this week-long event to promote business startups. This crowdfunding festival allows people to spread their ideas to the masses and let them choose their favorites through mobile voting. For more information, visit www.onespark.com.

Springing the Blues

April

The first Springing the Blues was held in 1990 when a small group of friends gathered at the old Jacksonville Beach Flag Pavilion. Since then, the festival has grown to include 22 artists who provide three days of performances by national, regional and local blues artists. More than 150,000 fans come to enjoy the music, food and vendors unique to the Springing the Blues event. For more information, visit www.springingtheblues.com.

Welcome to Rockville

April

Get a chance to rock out to some of the biggest bands in rock 'n' roll in Metropolitan Park. Every year, music lovers young and old gather for the two-day event, rain or shine. Over 40 bands travel to Jacksonville to put on one of the biggest festivals on the First Coast. For more information, visit www.welcometorockvillefestival.com.





Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

Jacksonville Jazz Festival

May

A weekend of non-stop entertainment in Downtown Jacksonville, the jazz festival features multiple venues with performances by amateur and renowned jazz artists. Other festival activities include the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition, Jazz After Dark, and the Youth Jazz Talent Showcase, as well as art displays, educational activities and more. For more information, visit www.makeascenedowntown.com.

World of Nations Celebration

May

Visit countries from all over the world without leaving the First Coast at this annual celebration of diversity. Held in Metropolitan Park each year, the celebration features exotic cuisine and exhibits of the artistry and customs from lands far and near. For more information, visit www.makeascenedowntown.com.

Jacksonville Light Boat Parade

November

A tradition for thousands of First Coast residents and their guests, the annual Jacksonville Light Boat Parade ushers in the holiday season on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Sightseers line the North and South riverbanks to watch boats adorned in lights and decorations sail down the St. Johns River. Following the boat parade is a beautiful fireworks display. For more information, visit www.makeascenedowntown.com.



Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

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Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

March

This annual event showcases rare, classic cars and offers informative seminars, awards and a silent auction. Held at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island and the Golf Club of Amelia Island, proceeds from the event benefit local charitable organizations, including Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. For more information, visit www.ameliacours.org.

Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival

April/May

This weekend-long event celebrates the tradition of blessing the shrimp fleet in Fernandina Beach as well as Amelia Island's unique history. The festival includes the annual Pirate Parade, Blessing of the Fleet, a boat decoration contest, live entertainment, arts, crafts and plenty of shrimp. For more information, visit www.shrimpfestival.com.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival

March

Attracting more than 20,000 visitors to St. Augustine each year, the seafood festival features more than 100 arts and crafts vendors, live music and local fare fresh from the ocean. A Kidz Zone and Pirate Village provide entertainment for the younger fans of this First Coast tradition. For a look at this year's activities, visit www.lionsfestival.com.

EPIC Spring Garden Festival

April

Celebrate spring's arrival with two days of flowers and fun. Nurseries, artisans, growers and crafters offer helpful information for gardeners of all levels of experience. Master Gardener arboretum tours and a variety of plants and flowers are also featured. For more information, visit www.gardenclubofstaugustine.org.

Rhythm & Ribs

April

Voted St. Augustine's "Best Festival" for 10 years, the Rhythm & Ribs festival features live music, children's activities and award-winning barbecue by regional and national champions. Proceeds help support local charities. For more information, visit www.rhythmandribs.net.

Florida Heritage Book Festival

September

A popular event for booklovers and aspiring authors, the book festival celebrates Florida's rich and colorful literary heritage featuring the works of local writers. The St. Augustine event offers book signings, workshops, award ceremonies and children's programs. For more information, visit www.fhbookfest.com.

Nights of Lights

November through January

This holiday tradition lights up historic St. Augustine with more than two million twinkling, white lights. The two-month-long celebration includes special events such as parades, bed and breakfast tours, art walks and holiday concerts. Visitors can also tour the Nights of Lights displays aboard the Holly Jolly Nights of Lights Trolley, Santa's Big Red Christmas Train or by horse and carriage. For more information, visit www.floridashistoriccoast.com/nights.



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